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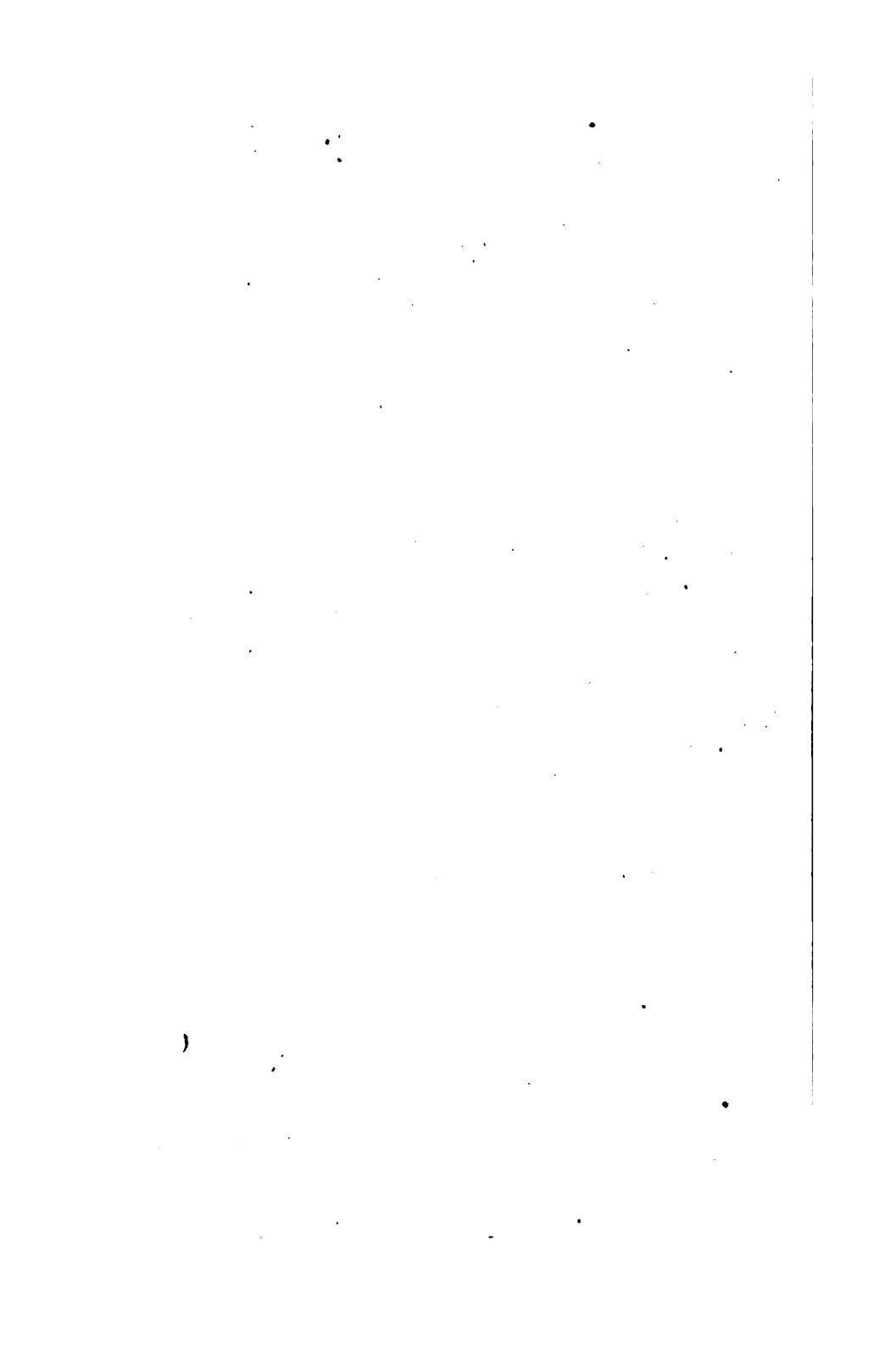
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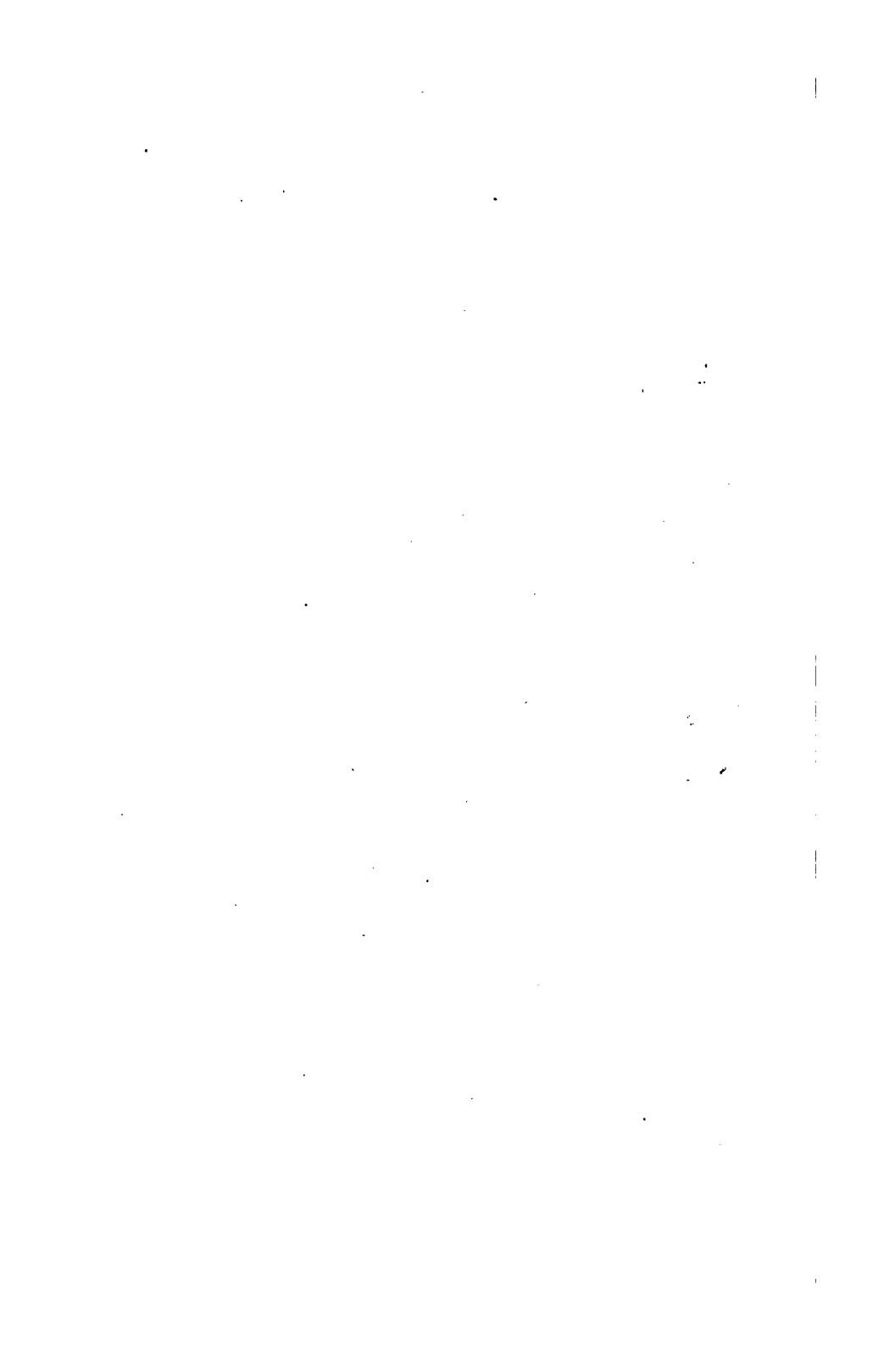








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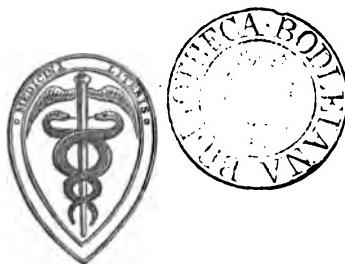
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## PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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THIS little treatise was commenced to supply a course of Practical Chemistry to my own classes. I was encouraged to proceed with it by finding that the want of a sufficiently elementary and explanatory Laboratory Text-book was very widely felt.

It has been my aim throughout to give all necessary directions so fully and simply as to reduce to a minimum the amount of assistance required from a teacher. The language employed has been rendered simple and intelligible by avoiding the unnecessary use of scientific terms, and by explaining or paraphrasing in ordinary words any such terms when introduced for the first time. The directions how to work and the description of the preparation and use of apparatus have been given more fully than is usual, since my own experience, confirmed by that of other teachers, convinces me that one of the most serious hindrances to the utility of many of the smaller Text-books on Practical Chemistry is the too great conciseness of the language employed, which frequently renders it unintelligible to the student unless supplemented by copious verbal explanation from the teacher.

Whilst making the very desirable amplifications above referred to, the book has been kept within small dimensions, partly by the omission of all such higher instruction as is not required by a student of elementary chemistry, and partly by the insertion of the supplementary or merely explanatory portions in smaller type. I have also thought it best to avoid entering into any lengthy theoretical explanations. The modern teaching of chemistry is in practice very appropriately divided into two departments—namely, theoretical

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instruction imparted by lectures or by the study of text-books of theoretical chemistry, and practical instruction imparted in a chemical laboratory by working according to the directions of a practical text-book. Since by this system the student has time and opportunity afforded him for the study of the theoretical and descriptive portions of the science, it is as unnecessary as it is undesirable that his Practical Text-book should tempt him to bestow valuable time in the laboratory upon the study of matters of theoretical—not practical—importance.

The analytical reactions and methods have been carefully worked through from the text by myself and by the members of my classes : the accuracy and intelligibility of their descriptions have thus, I hope, been secured ; only those reactions and methods which are commonly employed for analytical purposes have been entered. I have naturally, in selecting analytical methods for an elementary treatise, felt it desireable that those chosen should be as simple and easy of execution as possible ; in some cases, however, methods which are most eligible on these grounds have proved on trial to be so inferior in accuracy and delicacy, that they have been abandoned in favour of others which are recommended by their reliability rather than by their simplicity. In such cases, however, I have also described the more simple methods, since they may be employed in analyses, in which minute quantities of a substance have not to be tested for. The reactions given in an elementary text-book have necessarily been limited as to number, and I have felt it in general adviseable to introduce such reactions as are useful in general analysis rather than those which claim to be merely interesting and instructive.

The book has been divided into seven sections, the contents of which are fully stated on pages ix.—xv. The first six contain a good practical course for senior students ; this may however be modified to suit junior students, or those working with a special object, as is shown in the Introduction.

The seventh section contains full lists of all apparatus, re-

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agents, and chemicals required in working through the different sections ; there is also added a list of general apparatus, with a description when necessary of its construction and use. In this section there will also be found full and systematic descriptions of the most simple methods for preparing the different solutions required in analysis, with a statement of the strength most appropriate for each. Experience has proved that these are matters which merit more attention than is usually bestowed upon them. The methods of preparing pure chemicals are omitted, since they may now be readily and cheaply purchased ; before using purchased chemicals their purity should, however, always be ascertained by the tests given in this section.

Symbolic notation has been employed, instead of the full chemical names, throughout the sections on analytical chemistry : in its most concise form this chemical shorthand conduces so much to brevity in writing down results that no other plea is required for its use. The simple plan of labelling each bottle in the laboratory with the chemical formula as well as the name of its contents, will prevent any difficulty arising from this general employment of chemical formulæ.

Special features in the book are the arrangement of all Tables *across* instead of *along* the pages ; the turning of the book is thus rendered unnecessary—a convenience which will be appreciated by all students of Practical Chemistry.

The "Tables of Differences," which contain for each Analytical Group a summary of the differences of behaviour of its members with reagents, are also special—being an extension of the system employed in Galloway's "Manual of Qualitative Analysis."

It is almost superfluous to mention that free use has been made of the standard works of Fresenius and Rose : much valuable information has been introduced from these sources. I have also frequently adopted the very convenient tabular form of entering analytical methods which is employed in Valentin's "Text-book of Practical Chemistry," and with the author's permission have transcribed, with a few trivial alterations, the excellent Phosphate Table devised by him. My

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The book is especially intended to furnish a course of instruction in practical chemistry in the laboratories of our public and other schools. It will thus supply a demand which is rapidly increasing, as the value of a sound elementary instruction in practical science is becoming more widely appreciated, both as a means of mental training and as a preparation for the chemical and medical professions, as well as for many branches of manufacturing industry and enterprise. The fifth section has been inserted for the use of those who are specially preparing for practical examinations in which proficiency in the analysis of simple salts only is required of the candidate. This is the standard fixed for the Preliminary Scientific (M.B.) Examination of the London University, and for the more elementary examinations in the Oxford University, such as those for school certificates and open scholarships.

The sixth section, however, contains additional details suited for the higher analytical work of advanced students, and will be found sufficient to qualify a student for the higher examinations in analytical chemistry, such as the B.Sc. Honours Examination in the London University.

The introduction as appendices into this edition of the reactions and methods of detection of the rarer elements, and of the use of the spectroscope with a spectrum chart, will, it is believed, render the book more useful to advanced students.

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" 322, " 20 } for " $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ " read " $\text{N HPO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ."  
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- " 248, " 12 " for " $\text{CaCl}_2$ " read " $\text{BaCl}_2$ "
- " 259, " 13 " delete "adding occasionally a small crystal of  $\text{KClO}_3$ "
- " 269, " 8 " for " $\text{CaF}_2$ " read " $\text{CaF}_3$ ;" insert below this "16. S"  
and "17. C."
- " 289, last line, for "analytical purposes" read "flame colorations."
- " 325, line 31, for " $\text{Na}_2\text{C}_8\text{O}_3$ " read " $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ;" line 37, for " $\text{PbA}_2 \cdot 3\text{HO}_3$ "  
read " $\text{PbA}_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ."
- " 348, for the atomic weight of Indium, write "113.4."
- " 356, line 2 from bottom, for "261, 269" read "201, 270."

# PRACTICAL AND ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY.

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## INTRODUCTION.

THE course of practical chemistry which should be pursued by a student depends partly upon his object in studying the science, and partly upon the time and means which he has to devote to the study. The first four sections and the sixth furnish a good general course for a senior student who wishes to obtain a training in practical and analytical chemistry; but for younger students the most suitable analytical course consists in trying through the reactions in Section IV., and, as the reactions for each group are completed, testing several substances containing only one member of the group for the metal present by the table of differences. The analysis of simple substances by Section V. may then be worked through, and, after becoming familiar with this, separations of the mixed members in each group are done, leading thus to Section VI. The modification which should be made in the student's course to suit individual cases will, perhaps, be most readily understood by stating the objects of each Section in the book:—

SECTION I. is adapted to impart experience in chemical manipulation, and to afford practical illustrations of the elementary portions of theoretical or descriptive chemistry; it may be omitted when instruction in analysis only is required.

SECTION II. is indispensable and must be carefully perused.

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SECTION III. is also indispensable to the student of analytical chemistry, but if the time at his disposal is *very limited*, he may omit the performance of the experiments described in this Section, and merely read through the text.

SECTION IV. must be carefully worked through. A student whose time is limited may, however, simply try the reactions and omit the performance of analyses at the end of each group.

SECTION V. is intended specially for students whose object is to learn only the analyses of simple salts, such as is required in many modern examinations on practical chemistry.

This Section may also be used as an easy beginning in analysis, and as an introduction to more complicated analyses to be made by Section VI., or it may be passed over by the student who is intending to learn general analysis.

SECTION VI. is not required by a student who is learning only the analysis of simple salts, but should be carefully worked through by the student of general analysis, who may, after becoming thoroughly conversant with its contents, pass on to quantitative analysis or to any special branch of practical chemistry he may require.

## SECTION I.

### **PREPARATION OF GASES, &c.**

IN this section full directions are given for the preparation of five gases (viz., oxygen, hydrogen, carbon dioxide, ammonia, and carbon monoxide) and for certain interesting and instructive experiments which may be made with them. The processes of preparation and manipulation required for these gases are more or less typical of those employed for all other gases, and the student will therefore, from the experience obtained by performing the experiments with the above-named gases, easily prepare and experiment upon the three other gases (nitric oxide, chlorine, and hydrochloric acid) by following the directions inserted in small print, and any other gas by the account given of it in a treatise on chemistry. Those gases which are in small type may be omitted in the practical course, if desired. Two examples of the process of distillation are also appended.

The reference numbers enclosed in brackets refer to the paragraphs which commence with Section II. (p. 27); the numbers will be found in thick type in the text, and at the head of each page the numbers of the paragraphs are also placed in square brackets.

A full list of the apparatus required for this section is given in par. 494, and its use is explained in pars. 1–10 and 14–19, a list of chemicals and certain other requisites will be found in par. 531.

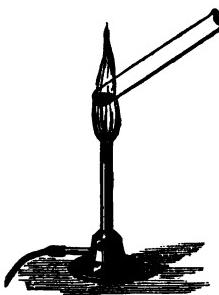
The student must carefully read through *the whole description* of each experiment before beginning to perform it, and after its successful performance should enter a brief description of it in his note-book.

I. **OXYGEN GAS.**—When iron is for some time exposed to moist air its surface becomes covered with rust; many other metals undergo a similar change in moist air, but the altera-

tion produced in their appearance is not usually so noticeable as in the case of iron. The liquid metal mercury does not rust as iron does in moist air, but it becomes slowly covered with red mercury-rust when strongly heated for some time in a flask open to the air; this mercury-rust has received the name of mercuric oxide. The fact that metals become heavier by rusting proves that something is added during the process.

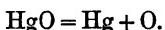
EXP. 1.—Place in a clean and perfectly dry test-tube sufficient mercuric oxide to cover the bottom; heat the powder

FIG. 1.



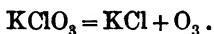
(1, 19) as shown in fig. 1, loosely stopping the end of the tube with the thumb. As soon as small drops of mercury form on the sides of the tube, remove the thumb and quickly place inside the top of the tube the burning end of a slip of wood (e.g. the uncoated end of a wooden lucifer match); the flame will be seen to burn more brightly. If after again heating the powder for some time in

the way just described, the slip be introduced into the mouth of the tube immediately after blowing out the flame and whilst there is a spark at its end, the glowing end will be caused to burst into flame. This behaviour with a burning or glowing slip of wood is one of the most remarkable properties of oxygen gas, and we frequently make use of this property as a "test" for its presence. The chemical change which has occurred is thus represented by an equation :—



Since by heat, then, we can separate from mercuric oxide mercury and oxygen, we learn that the process of rusting consists in the metal taking oxygen gas from the air, and the increase of weight above referred to is thus accounted for; if all metal rusts could be decomposed by heat we might obtain oxygen from them just as from mercuric oxide. This method

of making oxygen is interesting since it was the first means known of preparing the gas; it is never used nowadays to prepare large quantities of oxygen, since other substances are known which contain a large proportion of oxygen, and give it off, when they are heated, more easily than mercuric oxide does—substances which are also preferable on account of their greater cheapness. Potassium chlorate is most frequently employed :—



Exp. 2.—Place in a clean dry test-tube a little potassium chlorate, and heat it as in Exp. 1. The white salt, after decrepitating (crackling), fuses (or melts) and when further heated, appears to boil; the small bubbles which are given off consist of oxygen gas, as may readily be proved by holding in the mouth of the test-tube a burning or glowing splinter of wood as described in Exp. 1.

Potassium chlorate gives off oxygen gas much more readily than does mercuric oxide; but if it is mixed with small quantities of certain other substances, which themselves appear to undergo no change, its oxygen is driven off by heat with extreme facility; of these substances manganic oxide (black oxide of manganese) is the one usually chosen.

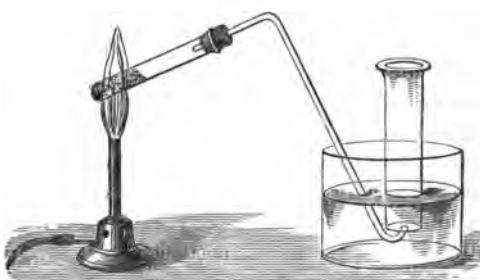
Exp. 3.—Powder some potassium chlorate (about as much as would fill a watch-glass) finely in a mortar, mix with it, by rubbing them together in the mortar, about one-fifth as much powdered manganic oxide, and heat a small quantity of the mixture in a test-tube; the oxygen will begin to come off as soon as the mixture is heated, and a comparatively gentle heat will cause the gas to be rapidly evolved.

In the preceding experiments the oxygen was detected in the tube in which it was prepared, and was allowed to pass away freely into the air. When the gas has to be collected in a vessel unmixed with air, it is made to pass through a bent glass-tube (the delivery tube), which is fitted by means of a cork air-tight into the mouth of the test-tube; the end of this tube dips into some water, and the bubbles of gas are allowed to rise into a vessel full of water and inverted over

the end of the delivery tube. This process of "collecting" oxygen is fully described in the following experiment: in the performance of which two students may advantageously work together, one attending to the regulation of heat to the mixture, the other to filling the gas-jars.

EXP. 4.—Select a sound cork, of such a size that, after having been softened by being squeezed or by being rolled with gentle pressure on the floor under the foot, it fits tightly into the mouth of the test-tube to be employed. Then bend (6) a piece of hard glass tubing about fourteen inches in length, into the form shown in the figure; so adapting the bends by trial that when the apparatus is fitted together the

FIG. 2.



bottom of the test-tube may be at a convenient height in the flame, the end of the delivery tube at the same time dipping about an inch under water. Make a hole through the centre of the cork (8), of such a size that the glass tube fits tightly into it. Then test whether the apparatus is air-tight by fitting the glass tube into the cork, and the cork into the test-tube, and blowing down the open end of the delivery tube; no air must be heard to escape, or must be seen to bubble out on moistening the cork: if air does escape a fresh cork must be taken. Now pour into the perfectly dry test-tube the oxygen mixture (see Exp. 3) off a piece of paper folded into a trough, or scoop up the mixture from the mortar with the mouth of the test-tube, until the tube is about one-third full, and fit in the cork and delivery tube.

Before heating the tube fill the jar in which the oxygen is

to be collected with water, close it with a stopper or ground-glass plate (or with the hand), invert its mouth into water three or four inches in depth, contained in an earthenware pan or bowl, and carefully remove the stopper or plate. If this operation has been performed with proper precaution the jar will be entirely filled with water, and no air-bubble will remain. Next proceed to heat the upper part of the oxygen mixture, holding the tube in the right hand; keep the lamp slowly moving with the left, in order to prevent any part of the glass from being suddenly and strongly heated, which would be liable to crack it. Oxygen gas will soon be evolved, but will not at once appear at the end of the delivery-tube, since it has first to drive out the air which filled the apparatus; as soon as a slip of wood glowing at its end is kindled, when held at the mouth of the delivery-tube, the oxygen has driven out the air, and is beginning to escape; the end of the delivery-tube is then at once dipped under water beneath the mouth of the jar, and the stream of bubbles rising into it will rapidly displace the water. As soon as the jar is full of gas, close its mouth under water with the stopper or glass plate, and remove it for experiment. The jar may also be removed by slipping under its mouth a small dish or saucer, the water taken out in the saucer then closes the mouth of the jar air-tight.

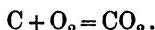
*Precautions.*—The water must be removed from the pan, when it rises inconveniently high, by means of a small porcelain dish; if at any time the gas should be given off too rapidly, the flame should be removed until the current slackens; the lower portions of the mixture should be heated only after the upper parts refuse to yield any more gas: when the process is to be stopped, the end of the delivery-tube must be removed from the water before the gas has ceased to bubble out, and the test-tube must not be allowed to touch cold or wet objects, which would cause the hot glass to crack.

Several bottles filled with oxygen will be required for the following experiments, or the same bottle may if necessary be refilled with the gas according to the above directions, after the completion of each experiment.

*Note.*—The use of ground-glass plates, which must close the mouth of the jar perfectly air-tight, is much easier than that of stoppers. An earthenware “bee-hive shelf” which may be used in a common earthen pan, or a “pneumatic trough,” is also convenient, since it supports the jar during the process of collection.

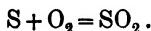
Oxygen gas is remarkable for the energy with which it combines with or burns many substances: three examples are given of this property in Expts. 5, 6, and 7.

Exp. 5.—Select a splinter of wood-charcoal or a small piece about the size of a nut; the experiment is more brilliant if the surface of the charcoal formed originally part of the bark of the tree. Bind this upon a “deflagrating spoon” with a little fine iron or copper wire; then adjust the wire handle of the spoon in the brass cap, so that when held beside the bottle of oxygen with the cap on a level with the mouth of the jar, the little metal cup is about an inch from the bottom of the bottle. Now heat the charcoal in the Bunsen flame, or better the blowpipe flame (4), until a part of its surface glows when held in the air, and quickly place it into the bottle of oxygen, with the brass plate covering the mouth of the bottle. (See fig. 7, p. 17.) The charcoal will burn much more brilliantly than in air, throwing off sparks if its surface was “barky:”—



When it ceases to burn pour into the bottle a little clear lime-water from a small beaker or test-tube, quickly close the bottle and shake the liquid round inside it; the clear liquid becomes milky, indicating the presence of carbon dioxide gas, as will be hereafter explained.

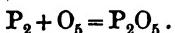
Exp. 6.—Remove the charcoal from the deflagrating spoon and replace it by a piece of sulphur as large as a pea; heat the spoon in the flame until the sulphur melts and begins to burn with a pale blue almost invisible flame. Then place the spoon into a fresh jar of oxygen, the sulphur will at once burn with a much larger flame, which emits a beautiful violet light:—



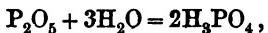
Sulphur dioxide (sulphurous anhydride) gas remains in the

bottle, its presence is proved by its suffocating smell, also by pouring a little water into the bottle and shaking it round. Sulphurous acid is thus formed, and is recognised by dropping into the water a piece of blue litmus-paper, which is immediately reddened, and by pouring in a few drops of red potassium dichromate solution, the colour of which changes to green.

Exp. 7.—Cleanse the deflagrating spoon from any remaining sulphur, and place into it a small piece of phosphorus no larger than a pea. The phosphorus may be cut with a knife, but it must be touched only with *wet* fingers, and should be handled as little as possible, since it is liable to catch fire by the heat of the hand ; it is always kept under water, being dried only immediately before being used by pressing it between filter-paper or blotting-paper, or with a dry cloth. Set fire to the phosphorus by holding the spoon in the flame, and notice how it burns in the air ; then place the spoon in a jar of oxygen—the phosphorus will burn most brilliantly, producing a white substance called phosphorus pentoxide (or phosphoric anhydride) :—



When the phosphorus has ceased to burn pour in a little water and shake it round in the jar, the white substance dissolves, yielding phosphoric acid :—



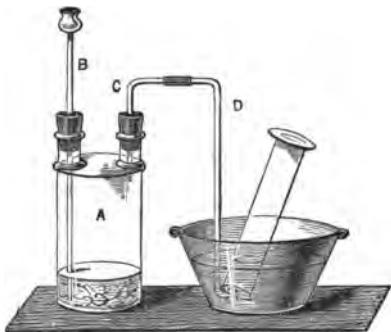
and the water may now be proved to be acid by dropping into it a piece of blue litmus paper, which will be immediately reddened.

*Test for Oxygen.*—A convenient test for oxygen is to introduce into the gas a slip of wood with a spark at the end, which is caused to burst into flame. Only one other gas possesses this property, and it is readily distinguished from oxygen by other means. This test only detects oxygen when it is in a pretty pure condition.

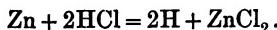
**II. HYDROGEN GAS.**—The liquid substance water consists of oxygen gas, combined with another gas called hydrogen; several processes are known for preparing hydrogen from water. This gas is, however, most readily obtained from another liquid containing it, called hydrochloric acid, by the action upon it of the metal zinc.

EXP. 8.—Fit a two-necked Woulffe's bottle\* (A, fig. 3), with

FIG. 3.



air-tight perforated corks bearing a thistle funnel (B), whose end reaches nearly to the bottom of the bottle, and a tube bent as shown at C and terminating just below the cork: join to this, by means of a short piece of tightly fitting india-rubber tube, a bent delivery-tube D. Pour into the bottle sufficient granulated zinc to cover the bottom, replace the corks, and after ascertaining that the apparatus is air-tight by closing the end of the delivery-tube and blowing down the thistle-funnel, pour in through the funnel sufficient water to cover the zinc and the end of the funnel-tube; then add strong hydrochloric acid gradually until, after mixing the acid and water by shaking the bottle, the hydrogen is seen to rise from the zinc in numerous small bubbles:—



Then dip the end of the delivery-tube under water contained

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\* A wide-necked bottle may be used instead, being fitted as shown in fig. 5 (p. 14).

in the pan or trough, and allow the gas to bubble out through the water for at least five minutes. This delay is necessary in order to give the hydrogen time to entirely remove the air which filled the bottle, and which when mixed with hydrogen produces a dangerously explosive mixture. Before collecting larger quantities of the gas for experiments, ascertain that the hydrogen is no longer mixed with air by inverting a test-tube filled with water over the end of the delivery-tube ; as soon as the tube is full of gas close its mouth with the thumb, and hold it to a flame ; if the gas burns with a slight explosion, the tube is again similarly filled with the gas and tried in the same way. As soon as the gas burns quietly with a pale flame, a jar (or a small thick glass cylinder or tube) may be filled with it in the same way as was directed for oxygen.

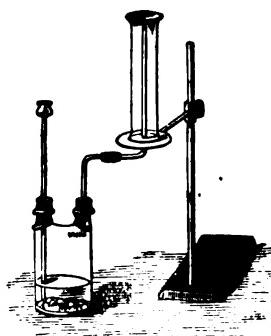
If during the preparation of gas for the following experiments the gas comes off too slowly, it is only necessary to pour in a little more strong acid through the funnel and mix it with the liquid in the bottle by gently shaking the latter.

Exp. 9.—Hold the jar filled with hydrogen with its mouth open and directed upwards for a short time, the gas will entirely escape ; the absence of the gas may be shown by holding a lighted taper in the jar, when no flame will be seen at the mouth. If the jar be refilled with hydrogen and held for a short time mouth downwards, the hydrogen will remain in it, and its presence may be shown by the gas burning with a pale flame when a lighted taper is introduced : these results prove that hydrogen is much lighter than air, since its tendency to rise prevents it from passing out downwards through the open mouth, whilst it readily escapes upwards from the erect cylinder. Since hydrogen is so much lighter than air, it is possible to collect the gas without using water by a process called "displacement." The delivery-tube of the hydrogen apparatus is passed up to the top of the inverted jar containing air, the hydrogen rises to the upper part of the jar and gradually pushes out the heavier air downwards.

Exp. 10.—Fill a jar with hydrogen by "displacement." For this purpose fit upon the india-rubber joint of the hy-

drogen apparatus a delivery-tube bent as shown in fig. 4, and when a brisk effervescence of gas has been caused by pouring

FIG. 4.



in some strong hydrochloric acid, pass this tube up to the top of an inverted jar, and allow the jar to remain in this position for several minutes; it is best to loosely close the mouth of the jar during this process by letting it rest upon a perforated disk of cardboard (or the round brass cap of a deflagrating spoon), supported upon a retort-stand ring, or upon an iron tripod-stand, since the entrance of air by "diffusion"

is thus almost entirely prevented.

Remove this jar, keeping its mouth downwards, and push up inside it a burning wax taper five or six inches in length; the hydrogen will be lighted, and will burn with a pale flame at the mouth of the jar, but the flame of the taper will be seen to be extinguished by the gas: the taper may, however, be rekindled by holding it in the hydrogen flame burning at the mouth of the jar.

EXP. 11.—Cover the bottle and funnel-tube with a cloth, to prevent accident in case of an explosion, and light the hydrogen at the end of the delivery-tube used in the last experiment. Hold over the flame a perfectly clean, dry, and cool tumbler or beaker, the inside will become dimmed with moisture, showing that hydrogen gas burning in the air produces water:—



*Note.*—Since all gases which have been in contact with water contain more or less vapour of water, or are "moist," it is usual to employ for this Exp. a stream of hydrogen gas which has been freed from moisture or "dried." A gas is dried (or desiccated) by passing it through some substance which readily absorbs moisture. Strong sulphuric acid (oil of vitriol), calcium chloride, and quick-lime are the desiccating agents most commonly employed. The gas may be made to bubble through strong sulphuric acid contained in a bottle, B (fig. 10, p. 22), connected, as shown in the figure, with the generating apparatus. It may

be also dried by passing it through a tube containing fragments of calcium chloride, or of quick-lime (fig. 10a), or pieces of pumice-stone moistened with strong sulphuric acid : the moistened pumice may be contained in a U-tube (fig. 10b), or in the bottle B (fig. 10, p. 22).

**EXP. 12.**—Measure the height of a short thick glass cylinder, and divide it into three equal parts by small pieces of gum-paper stuck upon the outside. Fill the cylinder with water and, after inverting it in water, fill one-third with oxygen (Exp. 4), and the remainder with hydrogen (Exp. 8) ; let the jar stand with its mouth under water for five or six minutes to allow the gases to mix ; then apply a lighted taper to the mouth of the jar directed downwards, taking care not to place the fingers beneath it : the gases combine to form water with a loud explosion.

*Test.* Hydrogen gas is recognised by burning with a pale flame in air or oxygen, the flame depositing water on any cold object held above it.

**III. CARBON DIOXIDE GAS (CARBONIC ANHYDRIDE).\***—When carbon was burnt in oxygen (Exp. 5) a gas called carbon dioxide remained in the jar : the gas may be prepared in this way, but a much more easy method consists in pouring hydrochloric acid upon some pieces of marble :—



Chalk or limestone may be substituted for marble, but it does not answer so well.

**EXP. 13.**—Rinse out the apparatus used for preparing hydrogen, and place in it some small pieces of marble ; fit into the india-rubber joint a delivery-tube bent at right angles, as shown in fig. 5 ; then pour through the funnel-tube sufficient water to cover the marble and the end of the funnel-tube, and then strong hydrochloric acid until gas comes off with brisk effervescence. Place the delivery-tube in a jar with its end nearly touching the bottom ; cover the mouth of the jar with a small disk of cardboard which has had a slit cut in it for

\* Formerly called carbonic acid, a name objectionable on chemical grounds.

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the delivery-tube (or pass the delivery-tube through the brass cap of a deflagrating spoon), and allow the apparatus to stand for several minutes.

Carbon dioxide being much heavier than air, will soon fill

FIG. 5.



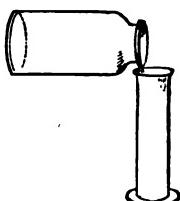
the jar by "displacement;" that is to say, it will collect in the lower part of the jar, and, by gradually rising in it, will lift out the air. Since this gas has the property of extinguishing a burning taper, it is easy to ascertain when the jar is full by holding a lighted taper just inside its mouth: if the taper is extinguished, the carbon dioxide has reached the top. Carbon dioxide gas, being very largely dissolved by water, is rarely collected over water,

the process of "displacement" being very preferable.

EXP. 14.—Allow this jar of carbon dioxide to stand uncovered and with its mouth upwards for a few minutes; then place in the jar a burning taper: the carbon dioxide is shown to be still present in the vessel by the immediate extinction of the taper. Then hold the jar for several minutes with its mouth downwards; on testing with a lighted taper, only air will be found in the vessel. These experiments prove that carbon dioxide is heavier than air, since it remains in a vessel which is open only above, and falls out of one which is open below.

EXP. 15.—Since this gas is so much heavier than air, it

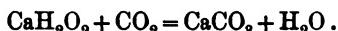
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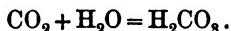
can be poured from vessel to vessel like water. This may be shown by pouring carbon dioxide from a bottle filled with the gas into a jar full of air, the latter being somewhat the smaller. The bottle is gradually tilted a little beyond the horizontal position, with its mouth over that of the jar. After holding it in this position for a short time it may be proved by

a lighted taper that the gas has left the bottle and is present in the jar.

EXP. 16.—Pour a little lime-water from a test-tube or small beaker into a jar of carbon dioxide and shake the liquid round in the jar. The lime-water will at once become milky, owing to the lime which is dissolved in the water being converted by the carbon dioxide into common chalk (calcium carbonate), and this, being an insoluble substance, remains mixed as a white powder ("precipitate") with the water :—



EXP. 17.—Carbon dioxide gas readily dissolves in cold water, forming a liquid which probably contains carbonic acid :—



The solubility of the gas in water may be proved by displacing the air from a bottle, previously half filled with cold water, by carbon dioxide : then tightly closing the mouth of the bottle with the wet hand, and shaking vigorously for a short time : the bottle will adhere to the hand, owing to a partial vacuum being produced by the absorption of the gas by the water. A further proof is afforded by dipping the end of the delivery-tube employed in Exp. 13 to the bottom of a beaker containing water, so as to cause the gas to bubble up through the liquid. After the bubbles have passed for several minutes the water may be shown to contain carbonic acid by pouring some of it into a test-tube and adding a little lime-water, which will cause a milkiness;\* also, by adding to another part of the carbonic acid solution several drops of blue litmus solution, or dipping into it a piece of blue litmus-paper, which will become red, indicating the presence of an acid. If this liquid containing carbonic acid be tasted it will be found to possess a taste resembling that of soda-water, and in fact soda-water is merely water which contains a large quantity of carbonic acid, as may be proved by examining it with lime-water and litmus. If some of the water containing

\* Sometimes the milkiness disappears, for reasons explained in Exp. 18, unless much lime-water is added.

carbonic acid be boiled in a test-tube, the carbon dioxide gas is driven off again : the bubbles of gas are seen rising in the water long before the latter boils, and after the liquid has been boiled briskly for several minutes, it may be proved to be free from carbonic acid by giving no milkiness on addition of lime-water, and by not changing the colour of blue litmus-paper of solution.

EXP. 18.—Dilute some lime-water, contained in a small beaker, with an equal quantity of distilled water, and allow the carbon dioxide gas to bubble through it as in Exp. 17; a milkiness will be produced owing to the formation of chalk (Exp. 16); but if the gas is allowed to bubble for several minutes through the liquid, the milkiness will gradually disappear, since the chalk dissolves entirely in the carbonic acid which is formed by the carbon dioxide dissolving in the water. On boiling some of this clear liquid it again becomes milky, since the carbon dioxide is driven out of the water by heat, and therefore the chalk can no longer remain dissolved. It will be found, on pouring out the water, that part of the chalk remains adhering to the inside of the tube, whence it may be removed by pouring in a few drops of hydrochloric acid. The above experiment explains the origin of the coating or “incrustation” of chalk inside kettles and steam-boilers in which chalk-water is boiled. Such water contains chalk dissolved by carbon dioxide gas present in the water, this gas is driven off when the water is boiled, and the greater part of the chalk separates upon the sides of the vessels.

*Tests for Carbon Dioxide.*—It is evident that the presence of carbon dioxide gas is shown by its properties of extinguishing a burning taper, and turning lime-water milky: these are the ordinary “tests” for carbon dioxide. We may now proceed to employ them to prove that carbon dioxide is evolved from our lungs during the process of respiration, and also that it is produced by a burning candle.

EXP. 19.—Invert a bottle full of water in a pan of water, and fill it with air from the lungs by blowing the breath out through a glass tube, one end of which is dipped into the

water and held beneath the mouth of the bottle. In order to obtain air *from the lungs* a full breath should be drawn, and the nose then closed by pinching it with the finger and thumb: before allowing any air to pass up into the bottle, a portion should be breathed out through the tube so as to replace the air contained in the mouth and in the tube by air from the lungs, the remainder of the breath is then allowed to bubble up into the bottle. Close the bottle, remove it from the pan, and introduce into it a lighted taper, the flame will be immediately extinguished.

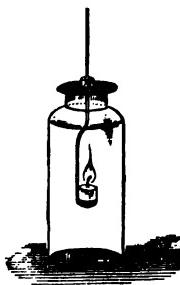
Now blow air *from the lungs* (obtained as just described) through a glass tube into lime-water contained in a small beaker, the lime-water will become milky.

EXP. 20.—Fasten a small piece of candle or wax taper upon the deflagrating spoon, and place it alight in a bottle of air the mouth of which is closed by the brass plate (fig. 7). After burning for a short time the flame will be extinguished, and if relighted will be again extinguished when placed in the jar. Now pour in some lime-water from a small beaker, and shake it round in the bottle, the liquor will be rendered milky.

A similar experiment may be performed, substituting the flame of coal-gas which is burnt from a bent tube for that of a candle, and closing the mouth of the bottle with a piece of cardboard. The extinction of the flame, and the milkiness then produced by shaking lime-water in the bottle, will prove the production of carbon dioxide by the combustion.

Hence carbon dioxide gas is constantly being introduced into the air by respiration and combustion, and we should therefore expect to be able to detect its presence in air by the above tests. It is manifestly not present in sufficient quantity to extinguish a burning taper, but the presence of carbon dioxide in air may be shown by lime-water in the following way:—

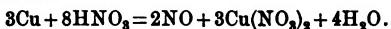
FIG. 7.



**EXP. 21.** Pour some clear lime-water into a watch-glass (or better a clock-glass), and allow it to stand for a few minutes in the air; a film of chalk will gradually form on the surface, and will be seen as white flakes when the water is stirred.

**III. a. Nitric oxide gas** may be prepared in the apparatus used for making carbon dioxide (fig. 5, p. 14).

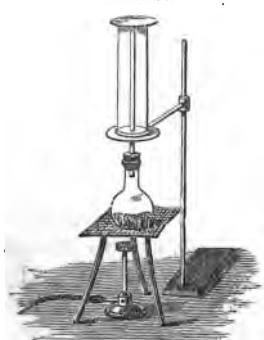
**EXP. 22.**—The pieces of marble are removed and the apparatus washed out. Some scraps of copper (copper clippings or turnings) are then placed in the flask, and nitric acid diluted with an equal measure of water poured in:—



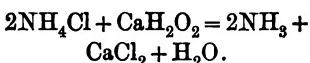
A reddish-brown gas soon fills the inside of the vessel, and should be allowed to bubble off for a time through water; it may then be collected over water as directed for hydrogen gas. Nitric oxide is colourless, but it forms a reddish-brown gas (chiefly nitrogen tetroxide) when mixed with free oxygen. This is shown by filling a jar with the gas over water, and then allowing it to stand with its mouth open in the air, the entrance of the oxygen of the air at once produces red fumes. The appearance of red fumes in the preparation vessel is thus explained, since the vessel is at first filled with air with which the first portions of the gas mingle.

**IV. AMMONIA GAS.**—The familiar smell of common “smelling salts” is due to ammonia gas which is constantly being

FIG. 8.



given off from the solid “carbonate of ammonia” contained in the bottle. The gas is thus evolved only very slowly, it may be made to come off much more rapidly if the “carbonate of ammonia” is mixed with lime and the mixture is then gently heated: sal ammoniac is usually employed instead of the carbonate of ammonia:—



**EXP. 23.**—Powder some ammonium chloride (sal ammoniac) in a mortar, and mix with

it thoroughly on a sheet of paper about an equal quantity of slaked lime in fine powder. Pour some of this mixture into a small flask (fig. 8) until it is about one-third filled, and close the neck of the flask with a tightly fitting perforated cork, into which is inserted a straight piece of glass tube 8 or 9 inches long. Heat the mixture gently by placing the flask upon a piece of wire-gauze on a tripod stand and putting underneath it a lighted rose-burner. Ammonia gas will soon be smelt issuing from the end of the tube, and, since it is much lighter than air, may be collected by "displacement," as described in Exp. 10. To ascertain when the vessel is filled with the gas it is only necessary to hold at the mouth of the jar a piece of moist red litmus or yellow turmeric paper; since ammonia gas changes the colour of the former to blue and of the latter to reddish-brown, it is easy to see whether it has reached the mouth of the jar by observing whether any change is produced in the colour of the paper.

Ammonia gas does not burn continuously in air at the ordinary temperature, but it burns readily either in strongly heated air or when lighted in oxygen gas. Show this by holding the end of the delivery-tube, from which a stream of the gas is issuing, in the top of a Bunsen-flame; a pale yellowish-green flame of burning ammonia will be seen ; and if the end of the tube is dipped into a jar of oxygen, the  $\text{NH}_3$  may be inflamed as it issues into the oxygen gas.

Ammonia should always be collected by displacement since it is extremely soluble in water, and therefore its collection over that liquid would lead to great waste of the gas. For this reason, also, the vessels in which ammonia is to be collected should always be perfectly dry inside.

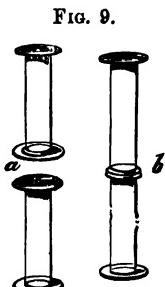
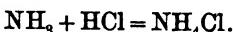
Exp. 24.—Place a jar full of ammonia mouth downwards in a vessel of water, and gently shake the jar so as to agitate the water at its mouth ; the water rapidly absorbs the gas and rises in the jar to fill the space formerly occupied by the gas.

If a little water be rapidly poured into a jar of ammonia by momentarily partly opening it and at once covering it again

with a glass plate or with the hand, and the water be then shaken in the jar, the water, owing to its having absorbed the gas, will, when poured out, be found to have acquired the smell and behaviour with litmus and turmeric papers which characterise the gas. This liquid is in fact weak "Liquor Ammoniæ," a solution prepared in large quantities by letting ammonia gas bubble for some time through cold water.

**EXP. 25.**—Pour into a glass jar a little strong hydrochloric acid, close the jar with a glass plate and shake the acid about inside the jar, hydrochloric acid gas will thus be liberated; the liquid may then be allowed to run out by slipping aside the glass plate for a moment. Place this jar in an inverted position over a jar containing ammonia gas, and covered with a glass plate (fig. 9 a), then withdraw the glass plates, so that the mouths of the jars are in contact (fig. 9 b), and the

hydrochloric acid and ammonia gases can freely intermingle. Dense white fumes of solid ammonium chloride will immediately be formed :—



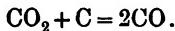
This experiment may also be performed by dipping a glass rod into some strong hydrochloric acid, and holding it in ammonia gas as it issues from the delivery tube of the apparatus, or in a jar previously filled with the gas ; the same white fumes will at once appear.

*Tests for Ammonia Gas.*—Ammonia gas may be readily recognised by its pungent smell ; by turning moistened red litmus-paper blue, and moistened turmeric-paper reddish-brown ; and also by giving white fumes with a glass rod moistened with strong hydrochloric acid.

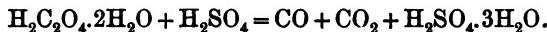
*Gases are frequently made to pass through certain liquids, in order to free them from impurities before they are collected ; this is termed "washing" a gas. The preparation of*

carbon monoxide gas from oxalic acid will serve to show how this process is performed.

V. CARBON MONOXIDE.—This gas is produced when carbon dioxide gas is made to pass over red-hot charcoal :—

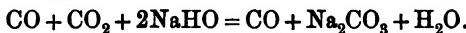


It is often thus formed in open grates, and is seen burning at the top with its characteristic blue flame. Carbon monoxide is usually prepared by heating solid oxalic acid with strong sulphuric acid, when a mixture of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide is given off :—



Exp. 26.—Place a little solid oxalic acid in a test-tube ; pour upon it strong sulphuric acid\* sufficient to cover it to a depth of at least half an inch, and heat the mixture. After a short time effervescence will be noticed, owing to gases being evolved ; hold in the mouth of the tube a glass rod freshly dipped into lime-water, the drop of lime-water hanging upon its end will become milky, showing that carbon dioxide is one of the gases evolved. Hold a burning taper to the mouth of the test-tube, a blue flame will be seen caused by the carbon monoxide gas burning in the air.

In order to get rid of the carbon dioxide gas which is mixed with the carbon monoxide, the mixed gases are “washed” with solution of caustic soda ; this liquid absorbs the carbon dioxide readily, but allows the carbon monoxide to pass on :—



The way in which this washing is effected is explained in Exp. 27.

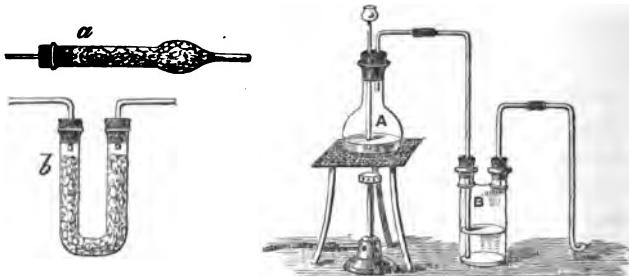
Exp. 27.—Heat the mixture of oxalic acid and strong

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\* Strong sulphuric acid is a very corrosive liquid, and great care must be taken not to get any upon the skin or clothes ; should any of this acid or of any other acid get upon the skin it must be at once washed off ; if it should accidentally be spilt upon the clothes, the part must be rubbed with ammonia solution. If the acid has remained for some time on the clothes it will produce a red stain, which will be removed by ammonia solution unless caused by nitric acid.

sulphuric acid in a flask (A) fitted as shown in fig. 10, and pass the gases either into a wash-bottle (a small Woulffe's bottle, or a broad-necked bottle), fitted as shown in B, and containing caustic soda solution; or through a tube (*a*) containing fragments of quick-lime, or a U-tube (*b*) filled with fragments of caustic soda or with fragments of pumice-stone moistened with strong caustic soda solution. The carbon monoxide gas thus more or less perfectly freed from carbon

FIG. 10.

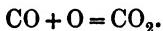


dioxide may be collected over water, and will be found to give either no milkiness with lime-water, or a slight milkiness if the stream of gas has been so rapid that the caustic soda has not been able to absorb the carbon dioxide completely. By heating a formate with strong sulphuric acid carbon monoxide alone is given off, and is thus readily obtained free from carbon dioxide.

Carbon monoxide resembles hydrogen in being inflammable and in extinguishing a burning taper; it also explodes when mixed with oxygen or air, hence before collecting a cylinder of the gas for experiment, ascertain that the gas coming off from the apparatus is free from air by collecting a small test-tube full and proving that it burns quietly.

EXP. 28.—Push a burning taper up into a cylinder filled with carbon monoxide, the gas will burn with a blue flame at the mouth of the jar but the taper will be extinguished. As soon as the gas has ceased to burn inside the cylinder, pour in a little lime-water and shake it about; the liquid becomes milky, showing that by the combustion of carbon

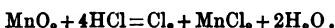
monoxide in the oxygen of the air carbon dioxide gas is produced :—



*Tests for Carbon Monoxide.*—Carbon monoxide is recognised by burning with a pale blue flame in the air, producing carbon dioxide, which renders lime-water milky.

V. a. *Chlorine Gas* may be made in the apparatus employed for the preparation of carbon monoxide : the washing-bottle may either be dispensed with or may be used containing a little water.

Exp. 29.—Place some manganic oxide, powdered or better in small lumps, into the flask A (fig. 10, p. 22), pour upon it some strong hydrochloric acid mixed with about one-third its measure of water, and heat gently in a draught-cupboard or out of doors in the open air. A greenish-yellow gas is evolved, which may be collected by displacement like carbon dioxide, since it is much heavier than air :—

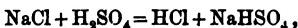


The gas has a very destructive action on the lungs, and must on no account be inhaled ; it is usually recognised by its yellowish-green colour, its peculiar smell, and by its property of bleaching moist vegetable colours. This last property is shown by placing in a jar of the gas a piece of moistened litmus-paper or fabric dyed with madder ("Turkey red") : the colour of both will be destroyed. A burning wax-taper plunged into a jar containing chlorine continues to burn with a very smoky flame : oil of turpentine, introduced into the gas by moistening a strip of filter-paper with the warm liquid, catches fire of itself and gives rise to dense smoke. A piece of Dutch-foil or copper-leaf also burns when dropped into chlorine.

*Tests for Chlorine.*—Chlorine gas is recognised by its yellow colour, its smell, and its power of bleaching moistened litmus paper.

#### V. b. *Hydrogen Chloride, or Hydrochloric Acid Gas.*

Exp. 30.—Place in the cleansed flask A (fig. 10), which was used for the preparation of carbon monoxide, some lumps of sodium chloride (common salt), obtained by breaking up a mass of the melted powder, or by breaking a piece of rock-salt ; pour upon it strong sulphuric acid and heat gently. Hydrochloric acid gas is evolved :—



and being heavier than air, may be collected by displacement in the same way as carbon dioxide. The gas fumes strongly in moist air, turns moist blue litmus-paper red, dissolves easily in water (Exp. 24) giving an "acid" liquid (hydrochloric acid), which, like the gas, turns blue litmus red.

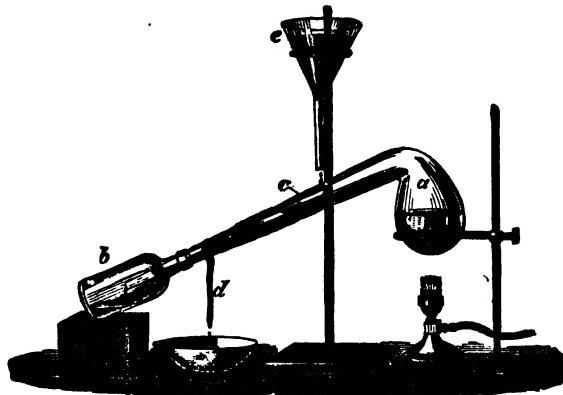
*Tests for Hydrochloric Acid.*—This gas is known by fuming in the air, turning moist blue litmus red, giving white fumes with ammonia gas, and yielding when dissolved in water a milky liquid on addition of silver nitrate solution which does not become clear on adding nitric acid.

VI. DISTILLATION.—This process is employed to separate liquids which boil at a comparatively low temperature, either from solids, or from other liquids which are not converted into vapour at all or only at much higher temperatures. It consists in boiling the liquid and cooling ("condensing") the vapour, which is thus given off, again into a liquid (the "distillate"), the non-volatile solid or liquid substances present being thus left behind in the vessel in which the liquid is boiled. As examples of this process, the purification of common spring-water from the solid substances dissolved in it, and the preparation of nitric acid, may be performed.

A. *Distillation of Water.*—EXP. 31.—Pour into a clean retort *a* (fig. 11) some tap-water through a funnel placed in the mouth, or in the tubulure (*i.e.*, the opening for the stopper or cork) if, as is better, a tubulated retort is employed. Support the retort, whose bulb has been about half-filled with water, in a retort-stand or upon a tripod, with its neck sloping downwards and dipping into a small clean flask or bottle *b*, which is partly immersed in cold water contained in an evaporating basin. Cover the bulb of the flask with a broad strip of filter-paper whose ends dip into the water contained in the dish; or instead of cooling the flask cool the neck of the retort, by wrapping round the lower part of it a piece of filter paper *c*, and round this a piece of wet string or tow *d*; then arrange a funnel *e* with its mouth partly stopped so as to drop cold water on the upper part of the filter paper; this water will be drained off by the string *d*. On carefully boiling the water in the retort steam passes into the flask and is there condensed to "distilled water." The first few drops should be thrown away, as they are apt to be impure from rinsing the retort neck and flask. Whilst this process of distillation is go-

ing on, add to some tap-water contained in a test-tube several drops of nitric acid and some silver nitrate solution, and notice that the water becomes milky ; a separate portion in another test-tube will also be found to become milky on addition of some ammonia and ammonium oxalate solution. These changes are due to the presence in the water of certain solid substances dissolved in it. If the distilled water from

FIG. 11.

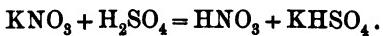


the flask be examined in the same way it will remain clear, showing that these substances have been removed by distillation.

*Tests for Distilled Water.*—Good distilled water should remain quite clear when to separate portions of it are added solutions of ammonium oxalate, silver nitrate, barium chloride, and ammonium sulphide : these tests prove the absence of calcium, chlorides, sulphates, lead, and iron respectively. It should also leave no residue when evaporated.

**B. Nitric Acid.**—**Exp. 32.**—Clean the retort from Exp. 31 by rinsing out the bulb with a little dilute hydrochloric acid, and then thoroughly with water ; let it drain for a few minutes, and place in it some solid potassium nitrate (nitre) ; then pour upon this, through a funnel placed in the neck (or

tubule), a quantity of strong sulphuric acid about equal in weight to the nitre used, and allow the acid to drain off the neck (in case a non-tubulated retort is employed), by supporting it for some time in an upright position. Proceed to distil just as in the preceding experiment ; a thick yellow oily liquid will trickle down the neck of the retort into the flask ; this liquid is somewhat impure nitric acid, and will be found to fume strongly in the air :—



*Test for Nitric Acid.*—Place some small pieces of copper in a test-tube, pour upon them a little of this nitric acid ; on warming gently reddish-brown fumes will appear in the tube. (See Exp. 22, p. 18). This property of giving red fumes when treated with copper is often used as a test for nitric acid.

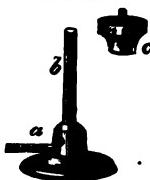
## SECTION II.

### PREPARATION AND USE OF APPARATUS REQUIRED IN ANALYSIS.

*Notes.*—Refer to the list in paragraph (494),\* which shows what apparatus is required for each student, and mark all apparatus as directed in the note at the end of the list.

1. *The Bunsen-Burner.*—By far the most useful lamp for general heating purposes is the Bunsen-burner (fig. 12). It is a gas lamp so constructed that coal gas entering through the tube *a* may be burnt mixed with a proper proportion of air which flows in through the holes at the foot of the burner ; the oxygen of the air which is thus mixed with the gas burns the carbon in the interior of the flame. Accordingly the luminosity, which is believed to depend upon the existence in the flame of unburnt carbon or carbon-compounds, is destroyed. The Bunsen-flame is therefore useful because it deposits no soot upon any cool object which is being heated in it, and also because it is much hotter, owing to the more complete combustion of the gas, than any of the ordinary flames. Its high temperature, non-luminosity, and colourless appearance also render it very valuable for producing flame colorations, as will be seen hereafter. The lamp should be provided with some means for partly or entirely closing the air-holes when requisite ; this is usually effected either by a loose perforated ring which is

FIG. 12.



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\* Numbers occurring in the text which are enclosed in brackets refer to the paragraphs commencing in this section. For convenience in reference, paragraph numbers are printed in thick type, and at the head of each page will be found, enclosed in square brackets, the numbers of the paragraphs it contains.

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slipped over them, or by making the tube *b* turn round on its long axis. When a small flame is being employed, the air must be partly shut off, else the flame "burns below."

When the lamp is to be used, a piece of tightly-fitting india-rubber tubing 5-16ths of an inch in diameter is pushed over the end of the tube *a*, and the other end of the tubing is slipped over the tube which supplies gas to the working bench, the gas-tap is turned on, and as soon as the gas is distinctly smelt issuing from the tube *b*, it is lighted. The flame should be almost perfectly colourless, and give scarcely any light. Occasionally the gas will burn at the bottom instead of the top of the tube *b*; this usually happens when the flame is turned down very low, or the supply of gas is insufficient; also when the quantity of air admitted through the holes is too great, or the burner is lighted too soon after turning on the gas-tap. It may be at once detected by looking through the holes in the base of the lamp, when the luminous flame will be seen burning from the small gas jet inside; the flame produced whilst the gas is "burning below" is also characterised by being long and somewhat luminous, and by emitting a very unpleasant smell. In such a case the flame should be at once extinguished by pinching the india-rubber tubing close to the burner, and the gas should be relighted after escaping for a few seconds: the momentary stoppage of the gas-stream by suddenly striking the india-rubber tube upon the bench with the hand will also frequently cause the flame to rise to the top of the burner without extinguishing it. Closure of the air holes serves the same purpose, but this must be done with care, as after the flame has burnt below for a short time the metal becomes too hot to be touched. The risk of the gas burning below is prevented by slipping upon the top of the burner a tightly fitting thimble, with a hole in its top somewhat less in diameter than that of the burner.

2. For diffusing heat over a large surface, the "rose-burner" is very useful; it is a small perforated cap *c* (fig. 12) made of iron, which, when placed upon the top of the tube *b*, yields a small circle of flames; the rose-burner is put on

and removed by grasping a small iron peg in its centre with crucible-tongs; it is of course very hot after being removed, and should never be handled, or placed upon wood, until it is cool.

**3. The flame of a spirit-lamp** is occasionally employed instead of the Bunsen-flame, but for general purposes the spirit-lamp should only replace the Bunsen-burner where coal-gas cannot be obtained.

The spirit-lamp (fig. 13) consists of a glass vessel containing methylated-spirit, into which dips a cotton wick supported by means of a brass, or better, a stoneware wick-holder. When not in use the wick should be always covered with the glass cap to prevent evaporation of the spirit. If the spirit is tolerably free from resinous matter its flame will be non-luminous, and will deposit no soot upon a cold object.

**4. The blowpipe** is frequently used to produce a small but very hot flame from the flame of a gas-lamp, spirit-lamp, or candle, by blowing through it a fine stream of air from the mouth.

In order to obtain the "blowpipe flame" from the flame of a Bunsen-burner, the blowpipe is held by the right hand, with its finely pierced tip *a* (fig. 14), resting on the edge of the burner, and just inside the flame (fig. 15); the mouth-piece *b* is then taken between the lips, and after blowing out the cheeks to their full extent, the air contained in them is forced out through the jet *a*, and causes a small pointed tongue of flame to issue from the side of the gas-flame. The

FIG. 13



FIG. 15.



FIG. 14.



chief difficulty in learning to use the blowpipe properly is experienced in acquiring the habit of keeping up the blast of air for some time uninterrupted by the breathing. A little patient trial will, however, soon remove this difficulty, if it is borne in mind that the cheeks must be kept constantly inflated with air, and that the air must be forced through the blowpipe *by the pressure of the cheeks alone and not by the action of the lungs*, breathing being carried on meanwhile through the nose, and the mouth being occasionally replenished with air from the throat just before breathing out the air from the lungs through the nose.

It is frequently necessary to have both hands free whilst using the blowpipe ; this may be secured by resting the jet *a* on the top of the burner, and supporting the other end *b*, by the lips alone, as shown in fig. 15 ; or the blowpipe may be rested on a support of convenient height, such as the ring of a retort-stand properly adjusted.

The bright flame obtained by closing the air-holes of the burner is much better suited for use with the blowpipe than the ordinary non-luminous flame. A burner with an elliptical orifice which gives a flat flame is commonly substituted for the ordinary round flame of the Bunsen-burner ; it is easily obtained by slipping a brass tube down the tube of the burner.

A further account of the uses of the blowpipe is given in par. 30.

**5. Glass tube or rod is cut** by laying it upon a flat surface,

FIG. 16.



and making a deep scratch with the edge of a three-cornered file at the point to be cut. The glass is then held with both hands, one on either side of the scratch and close to it,

and a gentle pressure is exerted upon the glass as if trying to break it across (fig. 16). If the file mark has been made sufficiently deep, the glass will readily break at the scratch; the

sharp edges of a rod or tube should always be at once rounded by holding them in the Bunsen or blowpipe-flame until they are partly melted, or by rubbing them with the face of a file.

*6. Glass tube is bent* by holding the part to be bent in the upper edge of a common fish-tail gas-flame, so as to heat at least two inches of the glass (fig. 17). The Bunsen-flame must never be employed for bending glass-tubing; it produces a most unsatisfactory bend. The tube is supported by holding it with both hands, one on either side of the flame, and whilst being heated it is constantly turned slowly round on its axis so as to heat all sides equally. As soon as the glass is felt to be soft and pliable, it is taken out of the flame and quickly bent to the required angle. The heated part must not be allowed to touch anything until it is cold; the soot is then removed from it by a cloth or piece of paper. A bend, if properly made, should be a curve, and should not alter the bore of the tube (fig. 17 a); if a sharp angle is made, the bore will be narrowed, and the bend, besides being unsightly, is very liable to break under a small strain (fig. 17 b).

*Glass rod* may be bent in the Bunsen or blowpipe flame.

*7. Glass tube is drawn out* by holding it with both hands as for bending; and whilst turning it constantly round on its long axis, the part to be drawn out is strongly heated in the Bunsen, or better, in the blowpipe flame (see fig. 15); when the glass is well softened, the two ends are slowly pulled asunder in opposite directions.

*8. Corks are bored* usually by means of brass cork-borers,

FIG. 17.

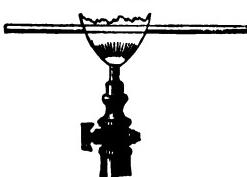


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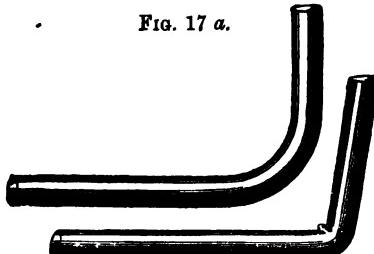


FIG. 17 b.



which are used as punches. A borer is selected of the same size as the glass tube which is to be inserted into the cork,

FIG. 18.



rather less than greater; the cork is then pressed against a wooden surface (best against the upright edge of a thick bench or table), and the perforation made in it by pushing the borer through whilst

constantly turning it upon its axis (fig. 18). Caution and practice will enable the student to make a clean straight hole without damaging the surrounding parts of the cork. In boring a single hole through a cork, the easiest way to make it straight is to bore from the centre of one end halfway towards the other, then reverse the cork and bore a hole to meet this from the centre of the opposite end.

A perforation may also be made by pushing a sharply pointed round file carefully through the cork.

*The round file* is required for smoothing the interior of holes made by the cork-borer, or for slightly enlarging them when they are too small; whilst doing this great care must be taken to leave the hole round in shape, and not to enlarge it so much that the glass tubing when inserted fits loosely.

In perforating india-rubber stoppers, the borer used must be sharp, and must be kept well wetted with water, or better with solution of caustic soda or potash.

The edge of the cork-borer is sharpened when necessary by rubbing the outer part of the edge obliquely with the face of a fine-toothed three-cornered or flat file.

9. *Sulphuretted-hydrogen tube*.—A tube of the requisite shape will have been used for the experiments in Section I; it is seen as a bent-delivery tube in figs. 4 and 5 (pp. 12, 14). If not already made, bend a piece of glass tubing (6) ten or twelve inches in length at right angles into the shape shown in fig. 17 *a*, the shorter limb being about two inches long.

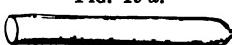
This tube is to be kept for passing sulphuretted-hydrogen gas through liquids.

**10. Small Ignition-tubes.**—A piece of hard glass tubing, perfectly dry inside and out, not much less than the eighth of an inch in internal diameter, is drawn out at its middle point by heating it strongly in the blowpipe flame, as shown in fig. 15, p. 29. The narrowed portion of the tube (fig. 19) is then cut across (5) at its middle point, and by heating

FIG. 19.



the conical part *a*, the narrow tube may be drawn off, and a small closed tube is obtained (fig. 19 *a*). If the closed end is strongly heated in the blowpipe flame and blown into whilst hot, it may be expanded into a small bulb. (See fig. 36, p. 115).

FIG. 19 *a*.

**11. Glass Stirring Rods.**—Three or four glass rods are made by cutting (5) a length of solid glass rod into pieces, some about seven inches long, others of about half that length. Any small projections are filed or chipped off, and both ends of each rod are then rounded by holding them in the upper part of the Bunsen flame, or better in the tip of the blowpipe flame, and turning the rod constantly round on its long axis until it becomes red-hot at the end (see fig. 20); the sharp edges are thus partially melted. The end of the rod must not be allowed to touch anything until it is cool.

FIG. 20.



\* To distinguish hard glass from soft (lead) glass, hold the tube towards the light with one end near the eye: with hard glass the ring of glass will appear green or colourless, with soft glass black or dark.

11 a. Sometimes a very thin glass rod is required; this may be made from a stouter rod by softening it in the blowpipe flame (fig. 15, p. 29), and then quickly drawing it out until the required fineness is produced.

12. *Mounted Platinum Wires*.—The platinum wire used here must not persistently colour the flame green. Draw out a

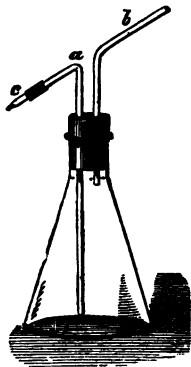
FIG. 21.



piece of glass tube six or seven inches in length at its middle point (fig. 15, p. 29) into the shape shown in fig. 19. Cut it across (5) at the middle of the narrow portion. Each piece of glass thus obtained serves for the handle to a wire. Break off the narrow part of the tube until it extends only about a quarter of an inch from the shoulder (a, fig. 19), and into the narrow opening insert the end of a piece of platinum wire about two inches in length and bent round at its other end into a circle about the eighth of an inch across by rolling it round a piece of thick wire; then hold the end of the wire surrounded by glass in the Bunsen or blowpipe flame until the glass melts and thickens around it, fixing it firmly when cold (fig. 21). At least two wires should be mounted in this

way. They are then rendered less liable to be lost and much more easy to handle. The wire may also be mounted by softening the end of a short piece of *glass-rod in the blowpipe flame*, and sticking the wire into it.

FIG. 22.



13. *Wash-Bottle*.—A thin flat-bottomed flask is chosen (best of the triangular shape shown in fig. 22) and of 16 or 18 ounces capacity; the neck must not be less than an inch in diameter. Procure a sound cork which is slightly too large to enter the neck, soften the cork by placing it upon the floor and rolling it backwards and forwards under the foot with gentle pressure; when thus softened the cork must

fit tightly into the flask. A vulcanised india-rubber stopper is much more durable for this and most other chemical purposes; it is perforated by a sharp well-wetted cork-borer, or by a wetted round file. Two pieces of glass-tubing rather longer than would be required for the tubes *a* and *b* are then bent (6) into the form shown in fig. 22. The ends of the tubes are, if necessary, cut off (5) to the right length, and their sharp edges rounded by holding them in the Bunsen flame or in the tip of the blowpipe flame, or by rubbing them with the face of the file.

Two parallel holes are then bored in the cork by means of a round file or with a proper sized cork-borer (8); the holes must be rather smaller than the glass tubes, and must not run into one another or to the outside of the cork. They are slightly enlarged, if necessary, by the round file. Into these holes the tubes *a* and *b* are then pushed with a twisting motion; if the holes have been made of the proper size the tubes must enter somewhat stiffly, but without requiring much pressure. If the holes have been carelessly made too large, the tubes may often be made to fit by slipping upon them little pieces of narrow india-rubber tubing, or by putting the pieces of india-rubber tubing into the holes in the cork before fitting in the glass tubes.

Upon the upper end of *a* is fitted a piece of small india-rubber tubing about an inch and a half in length, into the other end of which is pushed a short jet (*c*) made by drawing out a piece of glass tubing in the flame (fig. 15 p. 29); its nozzle may be contracted, if necessary, by holding it *perfectly dry* in the flame for a short time. The neck of the flask should then be bound round with twine like the handle of a cricket bat, or tightly covered with a piece of flannel; this prevents the fingers from being burnt when water has been boiled in the flask and its neck has become heated by the steam.

The wash-bottle, when thus fitted up, is filled about two-thirds with distilled water. Tap-water should never be kept in the wash-bottle.

A fine stream of water may then be obtained from the jet (*c*) by blowing down the tube (*b*); this stream serves for

washing precipitates and for other purposes. A larger stream is obtained by inverting the bottle, when the water will flow out from the end of the tube (*b*), air entering meanwhile by the tube (*a*).

Hot water is frequently required for washing precipitates, to obtain this the wash-bottle is placed upon a piece of wire gauze supported on a tripod-stand, and is heated by the Bunsen flame issuing from a rose-burner, as shown in fig. 10 (p. 22).

**14. Cleaning Apparatus.**—It is indispensable to the success of an analyst that all glass and porcelain apparatus should be scrupulously clean before being used.

Test-tubes, beakers, and porcelain dishes are washed in a stream of tap-water by using the test-tube cleaner (fig. 23 *b*). Sometimes a little hot hydrochloric acid is requisite to remove stains, and occasionally it is necessary to heat a little strong sulphuric acid in a vessel in order to cleanse it from grease or other impurities; a little hot caustic potash or ammonia may also often be used with advantage. In fact in removing a substance from a vessel to which it strongly adheres, the student should always consider what the substance is and then remove it by a liquid in which it is easily soluble. Each article, after having been well washed and rinsed with tap-water, should be placed upside down in the small wicker-

Fig. 23. basket to drain, or, if required for immediate use, should be rinsed out with a little distilled water. It should be borne in mind that apparatus must be washed as soon as possible after use, as after standing the surface is usually much more difficult to cleanse. The brush must be cautiously moved as it reaches the bottom of a test-tube, since as the glass is very thin the brush is easily pushed through it.



**Test-tube Brush.**—It will be found that the piece of sponge at the end of the test-tube cleaner (fig. 23 *a*) is not well adapted to cleanse the bottom of test-tubes and boiling tubes. A much more efficient end is given to the brush by removing the sponge and bending back the end of the wire stem upon itself at a point just above

where the hairs commence (fig. 23 b). By slightly curving the part of the stem carrying hairs, the brush will better adapt itself to curved surfaces such as those of porcelain dishes.

*Test-tubes*, whilst in use, are placed in the test-tube stand; boiling tubes may be supported in the wicker-basket, or in a specially made stand. When washed they should be placed to drain mouth downwards in the wicker-basket.

*Glass funnels* should have their narrow stems cut off to within about half an inch from the shoulder; the sharp outer edge must then be removed by rubbing it with the face of a triangular file. The inside of the narrow neck is best cleaned by washing it with a common tobacco-pipe cleaner, inserted from the shoulder of the funnel so as not to cut the hairs by the edge at the other end of the neck.

15. *Platinum foil and wire are cleansed* by boiling them in hydrochloric acid, and rinsing off the acid with water; the wire should then be strongly heated for some time in the blowpipe flame until, on being dipped into pure strong hydrochloric acid, it no longer colours the Bunsen flame. If the tip of the wire cannot be thus cleansed it should be cut off.

Commercial platinum often contains Barium, and the wire made from it therefore gives a green colour to the flame: such wire is useless for flame coloration tests and for spectrum analysis.

It is best to keep the foil or wire in a small beaker or dish, containing strong hydrochloric acid diluted with sufficient water to prevent it from fuming; the platinum will thus be ready for use after having been rinsed with water.

16. *Before putting by apparatus* it should be made a rule to wash all glass and porcelain which is not in actual use, and place it in the wicker-basket to drain; the basket is put away with its contents.

All iron apparatus should be carefully dried, and must be kept in a dry place to prevent rusting. *On no account must metal apparatus be kept in the wicker draining basket.*

17. *Heating Glass and Porcelain.*—A few general precautions should be observed in heating glass and porcelain vessels, to guard against cracking them.

A vessel containing a liquid must never be heated by the flame above the level of the liquid inside.

A dry hot vessel must be allowed to cool before pouring in any liquid, or placing it on a cold surface. See also (18, 19).

18. *Porcelain dishes* are generally used for boiling liquids; they are supported on a tripod or retort stand, and may be safely heated by the naked flame. *Porcelain crucibles* are used for containing solid bodies which are to be strongly heated; they are supported on a pipe-clay triangle placed upon the ring of a retort-stand or upon a tripod-stand: the flame should not be allowed to play steadily at once upon the bottom of the crucible so as to heat it suddenly, but should be constantly shifted by moving the burner, until the porcelain is hot. The crucible should also be allowed to cool slowly on the triangle, as contact with a cold body is very apt to crack it: the crucible and its cover whilst hot are handled by the crucible tongs.

19. *Glass vessels* require to be heated more cautiously than porcelain: a large naked flame must never be allowed to play for any length of time on any one part of the glass surface. In heating a test-tube or boiling tube, this "local heating" is prevented by holding the tube obliquely with the lower part in the flame (fig. 1) and moving it gently up and down, or by constantly turning it round on its axis. Test-tubes are too narrow for *boiling* liquids in, the liquid being very apt to boil over. *Small* quantities may be boiled and larger quantities heated short of boiling in a test-tube, but the broader "boiling tubes" are best suited for this purpose. Large glass flasks, such as the wash-bottle, are most safely heated by placing them on a piece of wire gauze on a tripod-stand (fig. 10, p. 22) and heating with a rose-burner; in some laboratories a sand-bath is available, the flask is then heated by being placed on the surface of hot sand. Test-tubes, if not full of liquid, can be held by the neck whilst being heated, if the tube be held obliquely so that the fingers are not over the flame. All risk of burning the fingers is avoided by bending round the neck of the tube a slip of folded paper or of leather, and pinching the ends together close to the tube.

## SECTION III.

### ANALYTICAL OPERATIONS.

THE student, before commencing the analytical reactions, must become familiar with the operations which are constantly employed in Analytical Chemistry. The processes will be most readily and perfectly understood by reading the following descriptions, and performing the experiments given in illustration of them.

20. *Solution*.—Many solid substances, if stirred or shaken with water, gradually “dissolve” in that liquid; salt and sugar may be mentioned as examples. Other liquids may be employed instead of water, and if they cause the solid substance immersed in them to partially or entirely become liquid and mingle uniformly with the liquid, they are said to “dissolve” the solid, the liquid thus obtained being called a “solution” of the solid, and the liquid which dissolves the solid being termed the “solvent.” Thus water, when shaken with sodium chloride (common salt), dissolves it, yielding solution of sodium chloride; and water is therefore called a solvent for sodium chloride. Further, a solid which dissolves in a liquid is said to be “soluble” in that liquid, if it does not dissolve it is said to be “insoluble.”

The process of solution is more rapid when the solid substance is employed in the state of powder than when it is in large lumps, since a larger surface of the substance is thus exposed to the solvent by the powder; it is also much hastened by heating the solvent, which causes a more rapid circulation of the liquid over the solid, and also frequently increases the solubility of the substance.

Two kinds of solution may be distinguished. “Simple solution” occurs when a substance dissolves in a liquid without alteration in composition, the solution possessing there-

fore the taste, colour, and other general properties of the solid, and yielding again the solid substance when the solvent is removed by "evaporation." Solution of sodium chloride in water is an example of a "simple solution."

"Chemical solution," on the other hand, is always attended by a chemical change in the substance to be dissolved; and since the solution therefore contains a substance differing in composition from the undissolved solid, the properties of the solution are usually not the same of those of the undissolved solid, and on removing the solvent by evaporation the original substance is not obtained.

In dissolving solid substances in liquids, test-tubes, porcelain basins, or small glass flasks are generally employed.

Exp. 33.—Place a piece of potassium nitrate (nitre) in a small clean beaker, fill the beaker one-third with water,\* and stir the solid about in the water with a glass rod: the potassium nitrate will *slowly* dissolve in the water; if the liquid be heated in the Bunsen flame the solution will be much more rapidly effected. Powder another piece of potassium nitrate by crushing it and then rubbing it in a mortar with the pestle; place this powder in a test-tube, pour in water, and heat the bottom of the test-tube; the potassium nitrate will dissolve much more rapidly than before, showing that solution is accelerated by powdering the solid and employing heat. Keep these solutions.

Exp. 34.—Powder a little copper sulphate (blue vitriol) in a mortar, place it in a small porcelain dish, half fill the dish with water, and heat it on a tripod or retort stand. The *blue* copper sulphate dissolves, yielding a *blue* solution. Keep this solution.

These two experiments are both examples of "simple solution." Exp. 33 shows that a colourless solid gives a colourless solution. Exp. 34 proves that a coloured solid gives a coloured solution. This is generally true, and hence we can often infer the presence or absence of a coloured substance in a solution by merely noting the colour of the liquid. More-

\* Here and in all subsequent cases water must be understood to signify *distilled water*.

over, if a drop of the potassium nitrate solution be tasted, it will be found to possess the same taste as the solid; chemists occasionally rely upon taste, as upon colour, when examining "simple solutions."

Exp. 35.—Place in a test-tube a few small pieces of calcium carbonate (marble or chalk), pour upon them a little water and heat the tube; the calcium carbonate will be found to be "insoluble" in the water. Add to the water some hydrochloric acid: "effervescence," or escape of numerous small bubbles of gas, will occur; the pieces of calcium carbonate will meanwhile slowly diminish in size, and will at last entirely disappear in the liquid if sufficient acid is added.

Exp. 36.—Place in a test-tube a few small pieces of copper, on warming these with a little water they remain undissolved, but on adding to the water some nitric acid and heating, the copper slowly dissolves giving off red fumes, and will be entirely dissolved if sufficient nitric acid is employed.

Experiments 35 and 36 are examples of "chemical solution;" the calcium carbonate is changed by the hydrochloric acid into calcium chloride, and this substance, *not the calcium carbonate*, remains in solution. The copper is changed into copper nitrate, which is then dissolved by the water. It will be noticed that in both these cases a gas is given off; this is a very usual, but not a universal, effect during "chemical solution:" the distinguishing fact is that the solid substance which is to be dissolved has undergone a chemical change in the act of passing into solution.

21. *Evaporation*.—When it is wished to obtain a substance, which is dissolved in a liquid, in the solid condition, the liquid is boiled away as vapour, or "evaporated;" the solid substance is then left behind in the vessel.

Exp. 37.—Pour the potassium nitrate solution from Exp. 33 into a porcelain evaporating basin, place the basin on a tripod-stand and boil it over the Bunsen flame until the water has been nearly boiled away, then make the flame smaller and heat until the water has quite disappeared: the solid potassium nitrate is left in the dish.

In evaporating a solution a small flame or a rose-burner

should always be used towards the end of the process, and the flame should be moved about if necessary, else some of the substance will spirt out of the dish.

Often a part only of the liquid is evaporated for the purpose of "concentrating" the solution (*i.e.*, making it stronger by removing a portion of the solvent). A solution, when sufficiently concentrated, will often form "crystals" of the dissolved substance if allowed to stand till cold.

Exp. 37 *a*.—Concentrate the copper sulphate solution made in Exp. 34, and allow it to cool; if sufficient water has been evaporated it will form crystals. Keep the copper sulphate in the dish.

22. *Precipitation*.—Two perfectly clear and transparent solutions, on being mixed together, often become more or less turbid and opaque, owing to a solid insoluble substance being formed in the liquid. A solid substance so formed in a liquid is called a "precipitate."

Exp. 38.—Pour into a test-tube some barium chloride solution, and then some ammonium carbonate solution a white precipitate is formed owing to the production of insoluble solid barium carbonate. Keep this test-tube with the precipitate.

In the above instance barium chloride and ammonium carbonate separately dissolve easily in water, but if their solutions are mixed they yield by a chemical change two different substances—ammonium chloride and barium carbonate; the former of these dissolves in water, but the latter (like common marble) is insoluble, and therefore remains as a fine powder in the liquid.

Substances are very frequently removed or separated in analysis by thus causing them to form insoluble compounds or precipitates with other substances which are added for the purpose.

In producing a precipitate care must be taken that the two solutions are well-mixed; this mixture may be effected by closing the mouth of the test-tube with the thumb and several times inverting it, or often by simply warming the bottom of the test-tube in the flame; mixture may also be

effected by stirring with a glass rod or by pouring the liquid from one vessel to another: the last three methods are to be used when the liquid present is corrosive, and therefore must not be allowed to touch the skin. A precipitate which does not form readily is often caused to appear more rapidly on thoroughly mixing or agitating the liquid by the above means, or by heating it.

Precipitates produced with different substances differ much in appearance and properties; hence we frequently form a precipitate to show the presence of a substance or to separate one substance from another. Substances thus added to produce precipitates are called "reagents."

The appearance of a precipitate is usually described by its colour and its condition: it is "flocculent" if it forms in flock-like masses, "crystalline" if in small particles which are seen to be crystals under a lens or microscope, "gelatinous" if jelly-like, &c. A slight precipitate causes only a "turbidity" in a liquid.

The colour of a precipitate or liquid is often invisible or falsified by gaslight; if the colour is to be seen at night, it should be examined with the light produced by a piece of burning magnesium ribbon.

Occasionally solid substances are used to produce precipitates: thus one metal is not unfrequently precipitated from its solution by immersing in the liquid another metal.

Exp. 39.—Dip a clean penknife blade into some of the copper sulphate solution left from Exp. 37 a., to which a few drops of sulphuric acid have been added; after a short time the metal copper is precipitated from its solution and covers the iron as a red film.

**23. Filtration and Decantation.**—It is frequently necessary to separate a precipitate from the liquid in which it is suspended. This is effected either by filtration or decantation.

**23 a. Filtration** is performed by pouring the liquid containing the precipitate upon some porous paper; the liquid itself runs through the pores of the paper, but the solid particles of the precipitate cannot pass through, they

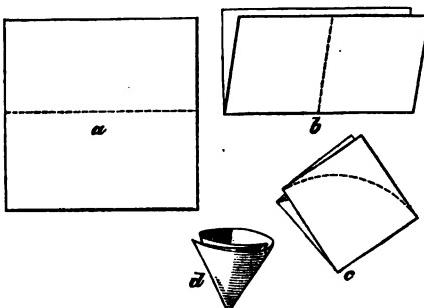
FIG. 24.



remain on the surface of the paper. The paper employed is called "filtering paper," and the liquid which runs through is termed the "filtrate." A filtrate may frequently be coloured by some substance *dissolved* in it, but it must always be perfectly clear and free from turbidity caused by solid particles *suspended* in it.

EXP. 40.—Measure a glass funnel from its shoulder to its edge along the sloping side (fig. 24), cut a square of filter-

FIG. 25.



paper whose edge is rather less than double this length, fold it across first along the dotted line (fig. 25 a), then again as shown by the dotted line in fig. 25 b ; this gives a square (fig. 26 c) which at one angle has four free corners, these are removed by cutting with a pair of scissors along the curved dotted line shown in fig 25 c ; the "filter" is now made and merely requires to be opened ; by separating the edges, formed by cutting off the corners, so that they form a circle, three remaining on one side of the circle and one on the other, a little closed pointed paper bag is formed (fig. 25 d) ; this is gently pressed *with dry fingers* into the *dry* funnel, and the folding altered if necessary till it fits tightly into the glass ; it is then moistened all over with a little water from the wash-bottle, and is ready for use.

The preliminary moistening of the filter-paper must not be neglected, since if the liquid and precipitate are poured upon a dry filter, some particles of the precipitate get between

the fibres, which then swell by the wetting, inclosing the solid particles and stopping the pores of the filter.

As an example of the process of filtration, the barium carbonate precipitate obtained in Exp. 38 may be filtered off. Pour the liquid containing the precipitate upon the filter, the funnel being placed with its neck in a test-tube, and the test-tube being supported in a test-tube stand (fig. 26); care must be taken that the inside of the upper part of the test-tube is not wetted, else the space between the neck of the funnel and the inside of the tube is liable to become filled with liquid, and the egress of air being thus prevented the filtration is stopped. The funnel might also be supported upon the ring of a filter-stand, and the filtrate be received in a small beaker instead of in a test-tube. Take great care not to let the level of the liquid in the funnel reach the upper edge of the filter-paper. If the above directions have been carried out, and no hole has been made in the paper whilst preparing the filter, the filtrate will run through perfectly clear leaving the barium carbonate on the filter. Keep the funnel, filter, and precipitate.

Circular filters can be purchased ready cut, and only requiring to be folded twice to be ready for use. The filter must always be of such size that when placed in the funnel its edge is below the rim. Sometimes the filtrate runs through turbid; it can then usually be made quite clear by passing the whole, or the first portions, of the filtrate once or twice again through the same filter; but with many precipitates a double filter should be used, a double filtration being thus performed in one operation.

It should be borne in mind that hot liquids run through a filter much more quickly than cold, hence, if not inadmissible for other reasons, a solution should always be boiled before being filtered.

*Note.*—Common filter-paper contains a little calcium-carbonate, which is of no importance in ordinary analyses, and is only objectionable when a substance has to be examined for traces of calcium. To remove

FIG. 26.



this impurity in special analyses, the filters are moistened in a funnel with dilute hydrochloric acid, and then well washed with distilled water.

**23 b. Decantation.**—Precipitates which settle rapidly and completely in the liquid in which they are formed may frequently be separated from that liquid without the use

of a filter. The vessel is allowed to stand at rest until the precipitate has completely settled, and the liquid is then carefully poured off ("decanted") by allowing it to run gently down a wetted glass rod which is pressed against the

FIG. 27.



edge or lip of the vessel (fig. 27), the precipitate being left in the vessel. This process, if carefully performed, effects a fair separation of heavy precipitates. The precipitate obtained by adding sulphuric acid to some boiling solution of barium chloride may be separated by decantation. Keep the precipitate in the test-tube.

**24. Washing Precipitates.**—A precipitate which has been filtered from the liquid in which it was suspended has often to be washed until perfectly free from the liquid adhering to it: this "washing" is performed as described under 24 a if the precipitate has been separated by filtration, and by 24 b if by decantation.

**24 a. Exp. 41.**—Support the funnel, which contains the filter and barium-carbonate precipitate from experiment 40, with its neck in a beaker or flask, and with the wash-bottle blow in a fine stream of hot distilled water, so directed by moving the jet with the fingers as to stir up the precipitate well: in this way fill the filter to within a short distance from its edge; let this water run through perfectly, then nearly fill the filter again in the manner just described, and repeat this process two or three times, letting the liquid run through perfectly each time before putting in a fresh quantity; the water running through from the third or fourth washing

will usually be quite tasteless, and the precipitate and filter will be freed from everything which dissolves in water. Boiling, or at least hot, water should always be used for washing purposes, as the process is thus rendered much more rapid.

**24 b. Washing by Decantation.**—Heavy precipitates, after having been separated from liquids by decantation, are washed also by the same process. The precipitate is shaken or stirred with distilled water, then allowed to settle; when the water has become quite clear it is poured off (23 b). By several times repeating this washing process with addition of fresh portions of distilled water, the precipitate may be entirely freed from adhering solutions.

The precipitate of barium sulphate remaining in the test-tube from the experiment at the end of 23 b may be thus washed by decantation.

**25. Drying Precipitates.**—A precipitate is often required in a dry condition after it has been filtered off and washed. It is dried on the filter and in the funnel by placing the funnel in a hollow tin cone or cylinder (filter-dryer, fig. 28), and supporting this on a piece of wire gauze upon a tripod-stand over the flame of a rose-burner turned very low; or the filter-dryer may be placed on a gently heated sand-bath. The funnel is thus heated by the current of hot air, and rapidly dries the filter and precipitate. Great care must be taken to regulate the heat and watch the process, so as not to burn the filter.

A more rapid method of drying a precipitate consists in spreading the filter, after having allowed it to drain for a time, upon a piece of wire gauze supported on a tripod-stand; a small flame from a rose-burner is then placed beneath the gauze, and the filter carefully watched to avoid burning it.

**26. Removing Precipitates from the Filter.**—When a small quantity of a moist precipitate has to be taken from a filter to test its behaviour or closely examine its appearance, it is

FIG. 28.



most readily removed by dipping the end of a glass rod into the precipitate; by touching a watch-glass or the interior of a test-tube with the end of the rod, a small quantity of the precipitate is deposited for examination.

If the precipitate is to be removed from the filter as completely as possible several methods are available, one or other must be chosen according as circumstances render it suitable.

*a.* The bottom of the filter may be pushed out through the neck of the funnel with a glass rod, which is small enough to pass easily through the neck (11 *a*), and the precipitate may then be washed down with a fine stream of water or other liquid from the wash-bottle into a vessel beneath.

*b.* Without breaking the filter may be held with its neck horizontal, and the rim just inside the edge of a porcelain dish (fig. 29), the precipitate is then washed out by directing a fine stream of water from a wash-bottle against the sides of the filter.

*c.* The filter and precipitate are allowed to stand for some time, so as to drain off as much water as possible; the filter

FIG. 29.



is then carefully taken out of the funnel, partially dried if necessary by laying it upon several folds of filter-paper, and after removing the portions of the paper which contain no precipitate (more particularly the empty fold)\* it is spread out inside a procelain dish; the liquid with which it is to be treated is poured upon it, and by shaking the dish so as to cause the liquid to move round and round, and occasionally carefully stirring the precipitate with a glass rod, the precipitate is washed off the paper without tearing the latter to pieces. The paper is then carefully removed by a glass rod.

*d.* If it is undesirable to add a liquid to the precipitate upon the filter, the filter and precipitate, after draining for a

\* Filters may be made without this fold, by cutting one of the round papers (fig. 25 *d*) through across one of the folded diameters, bringing the cut edges together, and sharply folding them over several times, pressing them with the nail; if properly made, such a filter is perfectly impervious to the precipitate.

short time, are removed from the funnel, the filter is spread out upon a flat piece of glass and the precipitate carefully scraped off with a knife, or better with a small spatula. If the precipitate is required dry, the filter after removal from the funnel may be carefully opened and spread upon several thicknesses of filter-paper to drain. When there is a large quantity of the precipitate a sufficient quantity may be removed on the end of a spatula or knife, without taking the filter out of the funnel. This method is usually the most imperfect, but is frequently the best for other reasons.

*e.* A precipitate has sometimes to be dissolved off the filter; the hot liquid used as a solvent may then be poured upon the precipitate, it will run through the filter into a vessel below, taking with it the precipitate in solution: the liquid should be heated again and once more poured upon the precipitate, if the latter is not entirely dissolved; this re-heating and returning of the liquid to the filter should be continued as long as any thing is dissolved; any remaining portion of the precipitate must then be removed by a little fresh solvent.

*f.* A precipitate, if in small quantity, may also be rinsed off the filter with the liquid with which it is to be treated or dissolved. The funnel is placed with its neck in a test-tube, the liquid is poured into the filter from another test-tube, and the precipitate is quickly stirred up with the liquid with a glass rod thin enough to pass down through the neck of the funnel; the bottom of the filter is then pushed out through the neck by the glass rod, and the liquid carrying most of the precipitate will run through; if some of the precipitate remains on the filter, the same liquid is poured through the filter again into the other tube, and by thus pouring backwards from one tube to another all the precipitate may be removed.

*Note.*—The greater part of a precipitate may often be removed by a clean knife or spatula, and the remainder by some one of the foregoing methods.

*Expt. 42.*—Remove the precipitate of barium carbonate remaining from Expt. 41 from the filter by one of the above processes, using hydrochloric acid as a solvent for method *e.*

**27. Ignition.**—Solid substances occasionally require to be heated strongly or “ignited.” This process of ignition is employed with various objects.

*1st.* In order to see what effect strong heat has upon a substance, since by this means we can frequently detect its composition. For this purpose we use small tubes made from hard glass tubing (10).

**Exp. 43.**—Heat a little mercuric oxide in a small tube of hard glass, after a short time minute shining drops of the metal mercury will be seen on the upper part of the tube, and if then a small splinter of wood with a spark at its end be held in the tube, it will burst into flame. The behaviour of this red powder on being “ignited,” therefore, shows it to contain the elements mercury and oxygen.

Substances are often heated on platinum foil with the same object.

*2nd.*—Ignition is also used as a means of separating from a solid mixture certain substances which are “volatile,” or which, when heated, change entirely into vapour; these are driven off by heat from other substances, which are “non-volatile” (*i.e.*, can be strongly heated without changing into vapour), and which, therefore, remain behind.

**Exp. 44.**—Heat a small piece of ammonium chloride on a strip of platinum foil held in the flame by crucible tongs; the ammonium chloride, being volatile, will give off white fumes, which are best seen by removing it from the flame for an instant, and the solid substance will slowly disappear or “volatilise.”

Heat in the same way a small piece of potassium chloride; this will melt, but will not disappear, since it is only slightly volatile. It will become solid again on cooling.

Hence, if we had a mixture of ammonium chloride and potassium chloride, and wanted to obtain the potassium chloride alone, we should strongly heat the mixture for some time, when the ammonium chloride would be removed as vapour, leaving the potassium chloride behind.

**28. Sublimation** is the process of heating solid substances and converting them into vapour, then cooling this

vapour so as to "condense" it, or render it solid again. A volatile substance may thus be obtained free from other substances which are not volatile or only slightly so.

EXP. 45.—Heat a small piece of ammonium chloride in a tube of hard glass closed at one end and two or three inches in length; it changes into vapour, which again cools into solid ammonium chloride on the upper part of the tube. This is an example of the process called "sublimation," and the solid substance at the upper part of the tube is a "sublimate."

29. *Fusion.*—Substances are often melted or "fused" together to cause certain chemical changes to occur between them. This melting or "fusion" is performed sometimes on platinum foil, but often in porcelain or platinum crucibles. For fusion in a crucible an intense heat is often requisite; this may be obtained by using the blowpipe flame, but the Bunsen flame will usually suffice if the crucible be surrounded by the conical filter-dryer (fig. 28, p. 47) which steadies the flame and creates a draught.

EXP. 46.—Place upon a slip of platinum foil with bent-up edges, a mixture of powdered sodium carbonate and potassium nitrate, then a very small quantity of manganese chloride; hold the foil with crucible-tongs in the top of the Bunsen flame, or heat the under surface of the foil with the blowpipe flame. The mass will melt or fuse; it is kept in a melted state for a short time, and then allowed to cool, when a bluish-green mass is obtained. The production of this colour is due to the presence of sodium manganate formed by the fusion; this peculiar colour on fusion with sodium carbonate and potassium nitrate is produced only when manganese is present, and is therefore a test for that element.

30. *Use of the Blowpipe.*—The blowpipe is used, as already explained (4), to obtain an intensely hot flame, which may be made to play in a convenient direction upon any substance to be heated; it is very useful for analytical purposes, since by its skilful use the composition of an unknown substance, when ascertained by other means, can usually be confirmed; and with many substances (especially minerals) a

complete, or at any rate sufficient, analysis can be made by the blowpipe alone. The way in which the flame is obtained has been already explained (4).

In a well-formed blowpipe flame two parts may be distinguished : the "inner flame," which is blue and pointed, and around and beyond this an almost colourless flame, "the outer flame." The inner flame is often called the "reducing or deoxidising flame," because it separates or "reduces" metals from their oxides and compounds, and in general "deoxidises" substances; the outer flame is also known as the "oxidising flame," because it changes metals into their oxides, and "oxidises" many other substances. These two flames also produce other distinctive effects.

The "inner flame" is best obtained of large size by placing the tip of the blowpipe nozzle only in the very edge of the flame, or even just outside it : the "outer flame" is best obtained by putting the nozzle much further into the gas flame. It may also be noted that the "reducing flame" is furnished most readily by the luminous gas flame, the "oxidising flame" is most easily and perfectly formed from a Bunsen flame which contains some air, and which is obtained by either leaving the air-holes at the foot of the burner entirely open or by only partially closing them.

There are several purposes for which the blowpipe is employed in analytical chemistry with which the student should become quite familiar ; the following experiments will exemplify the most important of them.

**31. Exp. 47.—*Borax Bead.***—Place a little borax, which has been finely powdered in a mortar, upon a watch-glass ; moisten the loop of a piece of mounted platinum-wire (12) with water or in the mouth, and dip it into the powdered substance, then hold the loop with the adhering powder in the blowpipe flame until the borax melts ; if this is insufficient when melted to form a bead which fills the loop, dip the loop with the melted substance upon it again into the powder, more powder will adhere and may be melted in the flame ; in this way powder is to be constantly added until when held in the flame a liquid drop or bead is produced which

completely fills the loop. This bead must be perfectly colourless and transparent on cooling. Keep the bead on the wire.

If the melted bead easily drops from the wire, either the loop or the bead is too large and must be lessened in size. The most convenient sized loop is one which is rather less than one-eighth of an inch across ; it is best made by rolling the tip of the wire round a piece of stout iron wire. If the bead is too large, remove a portion whilst it is in a fused condition by giving the wire a sudden jerk.

Certain substances when melted in this bead colour it, and as a rule the colour produced by each of these substances has some characteristic tint or peculiarity. The colour of the bead should be examined after it has been heated, first in the outer and then in the inner flame, and must be noted both hot and cold. If the bead appears opaque, on account of too much of the colouring substance having been introduced, it can generally be made transparent by shaking off some of the fused borax, or by flattening the fused bead by gently squeezing it between a small pair of pincers.

Exp. 48.—Moisten the clear cold borax bead and dip it into some powdered ferrous sulphate, thus taking up *very little* of the powder upon it ; then heat the bead and substance for a short time in the tip of the outer blowpipe flame, and examine the colour of the bead by looking through it at a piece of white paper or at a window light ; it will be reddish-brown whilst hot, but the colour will become lighter on cooling ; now heat the bead again for some time in the tip of the inner blowpipe flame, its colour will be changed to green. These two colours, shown by the borax bead in the outer and inner blowpipe-flames respectively, characterise the metal iron.

The borax bead is best detached from the wire whilst it is melted by giving the wire a sudden jerk ; it may also be removed after cooling by crushing it on a hard flat surface by a sharp blow with the pestle. The wire when not in use should be kept in dilute hydrochloric acid. Should it not be perfectly clean after washing off the acid, the simplest method of cleansing it is to make a fresh bead upon the loop.

and jerk it off whilst melted, this will usually remove all impurity. A borax bead must never be used for these purposes until it has been found to be perfectly colourless, both hot and cold, when heated in the outer blowpipe flame. If the first bead which is made in the loop is tinted with any colour, it must be jerked off whilst fused and another bead formed with fresh borax, this being also thrown off and replaced if not quite free from colour; this process is to be repeated until the bead is obtained perfectly clear and colourless.

**32. Flame Colorations.\***—Many substances give a characteristic colour to the flame. The blowpipe flame is often employed to obtain these colours; an ordinary Bunsen flame, however, although it does not give the colours quite so promptly and intensely, answers the purpose well.

The flame best suited for this purpose is obtained by surrounding the Bunsen flame with a conical chimney, reaching about two-thirds of the height of the flame (fig. 30), and then so regulating the supply of air entering into the air-holes that a small luminous point appears near the top of the flame; the platinum wire is held either in or just above this luminous tip. A filter-dryer also forms a very good chimney, being supported just above the foot of the burner on a wire tripod, which may be made by bending down the ends of a pipeclay triangle.

**EXP. 49.**—Hold a loop of platinum-wire in the inner blowpipe flame, if the wire is clean it will become red-hot without colouring the flame. If it colours the flame, clean the wire by boiling it with hydrochloric acid in a test-tube and then rinsing well with water; or by moistening with strong hydrochloric acid, and heating strongly in the blowpipe flame until it no longer colours the flame. If it cannot be thus cleansed, cut off the end. Now moisten the wire and dip it into a little powdered sodium chloride, or dip the loop into

\* For a more detailed and exact description of flame-tests, see Bunsen's paper in the "Philosophical Magazine" for 1867.



some sodium chloride dissolved in water so that when removed a drop of the solution remains in the loop ; then hold the loop at the tip of the inner blowpipe flame, the outer flame will be coloured bright yellow. Repeat the experiment, placing the moistened loop in the upper and outer part of the Bunsen flame, the same yellow tint will be obtained. This yellow colour is given only by sodium and its compounds.

Remove all sodium chloride from the platinum-wire loop by heating it strongly in the tip of the blowpipe flame until it ceases to impart any colour to the flame. Then dip the wire into some potassium chloride solution : this will give to the flame a pale violet colour, which is characteristic of potassium and its compounds.

As will be seen subsequently, the examination of flame colorations, aided by the use of coloured glasses and of a hollow glass prism filled with indigo solution, is of great use in ordinary analysis.

EXP. 49 a.—Look at the yellow flame coloration produced by sodium chloride through a piece of cobalt-glass or through the indigo-prism, no yellow colour will be visible. Now dip the wire-loop into a mixture of a few drops of sodium chloride and potassium chloride solutions, when held in the flame only the sodium coloration is seen, but through the blue glass or prism the potassium is seen to produce a red flame coloration. By means of the blue glass or prism then potassium is discoverable in the presence of sodium, by which its presence is otherwise masked.

By far the most perfect method of examining flame colorations, more especially for the rarer elements or for mere traces of the more common ones, is by the use of the spectroscope ; every advanced student should make himself familiar with the use of this instrument, at least in its simplest and smallest form. A paper on the use of the spectroscope for qualitative analysis will be found in the appendix ; this is well worthy of the attention of senior students.

It is well to keep two platinum wires, one to be used for borax beads and the other for flame colorations, since a loop which has been used for borax colours the flame yellow.

**33. Ignition on Charcoal in the Blowpipe Flame.**—Common wood charcoal forms a very useful support for substances which are to be heated in the blowpipe flame. It cannot itself be melted, it conducts heat very badly, and possesses other properties which render it peculiarly adapted for ignitions. It is, if necessary, sawn into small pieces of the required shape and size with a fine-toothed saw.

Ignition on charcoal serves chiefly to detect the presence of metals; the substance for this purpose is heated either alone or mixed with certain other substances (usually sodium carbonate and potassium cyanide) in the inner blowpipe flame; globules or scales of the metal are thus frequently produced, also in many cases the oxide of the metal forms a characteristic coating or "incrustation" on the charcoal: an examination of the colour and properties of the metal or incrustation or of both, will frequently lead to the detection, or confirm the presence, of some metal. Charcoal is apt to leave a white ash when heated alone in the blowpipe flame; this must not be mistaken for an incrustation. A powder frequently requires to be moistened with water before being heated by the blowpipe flame, in order to prevent the flame from blowing it off the charcoal.

**EXP. 50.**—Choose a piece of wood-charcoal free from large cracks, scoop out a small hollow near one end with a knife,

Fig. 31..



and in the hollow place a small quantity of a mixture of powdered lead acetate and sodium carbonate (or potassium-oxalate). Heat this mixture in the inner blowpipe flame, holding the charcoal in such a way that the rest of the flame plays over its surface (fig. 31). After continuing the heating for

some time bright globules of lead will be seen in the cavity, and on removing the charcoal from the flame the surface round the cavity will be found to be coloured with a yellow

"incrustation." If one of the little globules of metal be then taken off the charcoal with the point of a penknife, and be struck smartly with a pestle on the bottom of a mortar turned upside down, it will flatten out into a cake, showing that the metal is "malleable" not "brittle." The metal lead is the only metal which gives a yellow incrustation and malleable globules; this test therefore serves to detect its presence.

**33 a.** The melted mass left on the charcoal after fusing a metallic salt with sodium carbonate is best examined for

Fig. 32.



metallic powder or scales by detaching it from the charcoal with the point of a penknife, then crushing it in an agate mortar or in a watch-glass with a little water; on stirring and quickly decanting the water down a wet glass rod or pestle held against the edge of the vessel (fig. 32), the metallic powder, if present, will be left; by repeating this process of "levigation," the metal is obtained free from soluble substances and charcoal, it may then be further examined by a lens or magnet. A mixture of copper sulphate with sodium carbonate, when heated on charcoal and "levigated" as directed above, will furnish little red scales of copper: a mixture of ferrous-sulphate and sodium carbonate will yield a grey powder consisting of metallic iron, which, when touched with the pole of a magnet, will become attached to it.

**34. Use of Test-papers.**—Certain vegetable colours undergo remarkable changes when acted upon by chemical substances. Some of these are used for analytical purposes; the following experiment will explain how they are made use of.

**EXP. 51.**—Boil some pieces of a common red pickling cabbage-leaf in water; a blue liquid will be produced. Pour some of this liquid into a test-tube and add several drops of hydrochloric acid, the colour will change to bright red; to another portion of the blue liquid add several drops of ammonia, the colour changes to green; to a third portion of the blue liquid add a little ammonium chloride solution, the colour remains unchanged.

Mix in a test-tube a little ammonia solution with three times as much distilled water, and add this weak ammonia gradually to the liquid reddened by several drops of hydrochloric acid; by careful addition the blue colour may be exactly restored, the acid previously added being "neutralised" by the ammonia.

**EXP. 52.**—Pour some blue litmus solution (made by boiling solid litmus in water and filtering) into three test-tubes; to the first add hydrochloric acid drop by drop until it turns distinctly red, preserve this liquid; to the second add ammonia solution, the liquid remains blue; to the third add ammonium chloride solution, the colour will not be affected.

Divide the reddened liquid into three parts; to one part add ammonia solution, the original blue colour is restored; to another part add hydrochloric acid, the red colour is unchanged; to the other part add ammonium chloride, the red colour remains unaltered.

These experiments may also be made with litmus test-papers, which are prepared by soaking paper in the blue and red liquids respectively and allowing it to dry.

**EXP. 53.**—Repeat the preceding experiment, using the litmus papers instead of the solution, and moistening them with the liquid by dipping a glass rod into it and then touching the paper with the moistened end.

It will be seen then that the three substances employed differ in their action on litmus test-papers.

Hydrochloric acid . . .	reddens	blue litmus	does not affect red litmus.
Ammonia . . . . .	does not affect	" "	blues
Ammonium chloride . .	" " "	" "	does not affect "

Each of these substances is a sample of a whole class, the members of which resemble it in their action on litmus.

The class of *acid substances*, including sulphuric acid, nitric acid, &c., and many metallic salts, resemble hydrochloric acid in reddening blue litmus and not affecting red.

The class of *alkaline substances*, including potassium hydrate, sodium hydrate, &c., and many salts of the alkalis, resemble ammonia in bleaching red litmus, and not affecting blue.

The class of *neutral substances*, including potassium chloride, sodium chloride, &c., resemble ammonium chloride in not affecting either blue or red litmus.

Hence in analysis we use red and blue litmus-papers to test whether a liquid is "acid," "alkaline," or "neutral."

The red cabbage liquid, as will be seen, is better suited for a test-paper than litmus, since one paper shows both alkalies and acids; but the colour is very apt to spoil with keeping.

Sometimes a liquid in which a coloured precipitate is suspended has to be tested by litmus-paper, the precipitate then hides the colour of the paper when a drop of the liquid is placed upon it. In such a case moisten the paper with a drop of liquid, and wash the liquid off after a short time with a stream of distilled water from the wash-bottle; the colour of the paper is then distinctly seen.

**35.** An acid substance by being mixed with a proper proportion of an alkaline substance becomes "neutral;" similarly an alkaline substance is rendered "neutral" by mixture with a proper quantity of an acid. Thus by mixing hydrochloric acid and ammonia in the proper proportions, the neutral substance ammonium chloride is formed; the acid is then said to be "neutralised" by the alkali, or the alkali by the acid.

It is often required to "neutralise" an acid with an alkali or *vice versa*; the following experiment will show how this process of neutralising an acid is performed.

**Exp. 54.**—Pour a little hydrochloric acid into a porcelain dish, add to it ammonia several drops at a time keeping the liquid constantly stirred with a glass rod, and occasionally touching a slip of blue litmus-paper with the end of the rod

moistened by the well-stirred liquid ; as soon as the paper is only faintly reddened by the liquid the ammonia is added very carefully, stirring well after the addition of each drop, and trying the action of the liquid by touching the wet glass rod against first blue and then red litmus-paper, waiting a short time to give the liquid time to act on the paper. When the colours of both blue and red paper remain unaffected, the process of "neutralisation" is completed.

It is well to add *dilute* ammonia towards the end of the process ; this is prepared by mixing a little ammonia with three or four times as much distilled water in a test-tube.

The process of neutralising may often be simplified when the liquid is clear and colourless, by dropping into it a small piece of blue litmus-paper, and after each addition of ammonia noting its colour ; the condition of the liquid should, however, even in this case be proved towards the end by moistening both red and blue paper.

The process of neutralising an alkali with an acid is precisely similar to that of neutralising an acid with an alkali, save that red litmus is at first used instead of blue.

35a. It will be readily understood from what has been said above, that if an alkaline or neutral liquid is to be "acidified," acid is added gradually as was described in the preceding experiment, until a drop of the well-mixed liquid reddens blue litmus. If an acid or neutral liquid has to be made alkaline, the alkali is added until a drop of the liquid turns red litmus blue. These processes are often termed adding acid or alkali "in excess."

35b. *Yellow turmeric paper* is occasionally employed instead of red litmus to test for alkalis, which turn it reddish-brown ; it is unaffected by acids, with the exception of boracic acid. The most important use for turmeric paper is to test for boracic acid, which, if dried on the paper at a gentle heat, turns it orange-red.

EXP. 55.—This may be shown by stirring a little borax upon a watch-glass with dilute hydrochloric acid until it is dissolved, moistening the lower part of a slip of turmeric paper with this liquid, and drying it by holding it at some

distance above the flame, or better by placing it in a steam-oven ; the portion of the slip which was moistened will now appear reddish-brown, the colour being well seen by contrast with the light yellow upper portion of the paper.

### FRACTIONAL SOLUTION, CRYSTALLISATION AND DISTILLATION.

1. *Fractional Solution*.—Since different substances show differences in solubility in water and acids, it is often possible by means of solvents to separate the constituents of a mixture. This process is termed separation by "fractional solution." Illustrate this by making a mixture of powdered ferrous sulphate ( $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) and ferric oxide ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) ; on warming a portion of this with water,  $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  alone dissolves, leaving  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  : if another portion is warmed with HCl, both substances dissolve.

2. *Fractional Crystallisation*.—If a solution of two different salts be boiled down in an evaporating basin, one salt will usually furnish crystals before the other does, and by this process of "fractional crystallisation" a separation of the salts may often be effected. Boil down a solution of sodium chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ ) and nitre ( $\text{KNO}_3$ ) :  $\text{NaCl}$  will crystallise out of the boiling liquid in hollow cubes, and on cooling prisms of nitre will separate.

3. *Fractional Distillation*.—Liquids which boil at different temperatures may often be separated by distillation (p. 24) ; that part of the mixture which first distils over consisting chiefly of the liquid with the lowest boiling-point, and the successive portions of the distillate becoming richer in the liquids of higher boiling points. The process of "fractional distillation" may be illustrated by distilling a mixture of alcohol and water ; since alcohol boils at a lower temperature than water, the first part of the distillate contains the greater part of the alcohol, as is shown by its burning and by its dissolving camphor or iodine in quantity. The last portion of the distillate does not give these tests for alcohol, and is proved to be water by turning dry  $\text{CuSO}_4$  blue and dissolving it.

## SECTION IV.

### **ANALYTICAL REACTIONS.**

*Course of Practical Analysis to be pursued by the Student.—* The text is so arranged that two main courses may be framed from it in this and the following sections. The one is suited to senior students and dispenses with the training in the detection of simple substances, which, although useful as a stepping-stone to the full analytical method, is in itself of only artificial importance. The other course is suited to junior students, and forms an easy approach to the more difficult complete methods of analysis : it teaches the plan of analysing simple substances which may contain one acid and one metal. This course is therefore also suited to those who are learning analytical chemistry with the view of preparing themselves for examinations in which the candidate is not required to detect more than one acid and one metal. These courses are described below as the "Senior Course" and "Junior Course."

*The Senior Course* consists in working through the analytical reactions in Section IV.; and as those for each group are completed, several substances whose composition is unknown to the students are tested for one member only by the Table of Differences at the end of the Group; as soon as these are detected with readiness, substances which may contain two or more of the members mixed together are analysed by the Group-table in Section VI. : a reference to the Table of Differences will show at a glance on what principles these Group-tables are founded, and this is further explained by a statement following the Table of Differences. This plan of working with each Group-table before going on to the reactions for the next Group is to be recommended, since, whilst the differences upon which the separation and special tests of

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the elements in the Groups are fresh in the student's memory, they are practically applied. The Analytical Tables are thus gradually rendered intelligible one after another, whilst the student is proceeding through the reactions. The book is so arranged, however, that all the Analytical Tables may be left until the reactions for all the groups have been finished. When all the groups have been worked through in this manner, the analysis of substances is commenced which may contain any members of any of the different analytical groups; the directions for the systematic method of analysis required for this purpose being contained in Section VI.

*The Junior Course.*—Since this is intended to teach only the detection of one metal and one acid ; the student whilst working through Section IV., omits all those paragraphs marked "s" after the number, relating to the separation and detection of the mixed members of a group; and after finishing the reactions for each group, he proceeds to detect the members occurring singly in several substances of unknown composition by the Table of Differences and by reference to the reactions. After working in this way through Section IV., he at once proceeds to analyse simple substances by Section V.

As stated above, this Junior Course may occasionally be made to precede the Senior with advantage—that is to say, the student, after working through the Junior Course and learning how to detect simple substances, may analyse mixtures containing two or more members of each group by the directions given at the end of each of the groups in Section IV., and may then proceed to the full method of analysis contained in Section VI.

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### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ON ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY.

The science of Chemistry reveals to us the fact that every substance on this earth, and probably in the universe, consists either of one kind of matter only, or of two or more different kinds, which we cannot further separate. Those substances which contain only one kind of matter, are called "chemical elements;" their number at present amounts to a little over sixty. A list of them is given in paragraph 558 at the end of the book.

It is not often that these elements occur singly; two or more of them are commonly found together either in a state of mere "mixture," or united in a much more intimate manner by the force of "chemical affinity" to form a "chemical compound."

Analytical chemistry or analysis (literally meaning an *unloosing* or *separation*), teaches us how to discover what element, elements, or sometimes what groups of elements, any substance of unknown composition contains: it also enables us to ascertain whether any particular element or group of elements is present in a given substance. In order to become a thorough analyst, it is necessary to be intimately acquainted with the properties of every element and of the compounds it forms with other elements, and therefore efficiency in analysis depends in a large measure upon the knowledge of what is usually termed "Theoretical," or more appropriately perhaps "Descriptive, Chemistry." But although we recognise a substance by its properties, still a knowledge of *all* its properties is not requisite to enable us to detect its presence: for ordinary analytical purposes certain marked properties of each element or group of elements are selected, and by these properties, called "tests" or "reactions," we detect its presence.

The "tests" or "reactions" most frequently selected are the following:—1st, The behaviour of a substance when heated under various conditions; and 2nd, Its behaviour

when mixed with certain liquid or solid substances. Such substances, added for analytical purposes, are called *reagents*. Some reagents serve for detecting one element or compound only, and are therefore called *special reagents*; others separate or detect a group of elements or compounds, and are called *group reagents* or *general reagents*: these latter reagents serve to separate substances into "Analytical Groups," as will be more fully explained hereafter.

The student must bear in mind that, although an acquaintance with the most important reaction of substances is indispensable to success as an analyst, caution, skill, and neatness in manipulation are not less necessary, and the most scrupulous attention must be paid to all directions bearing on these matters.

**36. Analytical Classification.**—The chemical elements are frequently divided into two classes—viz., *metals* and *non-metals*. These classes form, with a slight modification, convenient divisions for analytical purposes. In the class of "metals" must be included the hypothetical metallic radicle ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4$ ), also the element hydrogen. The class of "non-metals," either singly or in groups formed by their combination *inter se* or less frequently with a metal, unite with hydrogen and with metals forming "salts"; the hydrogen salts of these radicals being often called "acids." Thus  $\text{Cl}$ ,<sup>\*</sup>  $\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{PO}_4$ ,  $\text{MnO}_4$  form the hydrogen salts (acids),  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$ ,  $\text{HMnO}_4$  and the metallic salts,  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{MgSO}_4$ ,  $\text{Na}_3\text{PO}_4$ ,  $\text{KMnO}_4$ : metal hydrogen salts (acid-salts), such as  $\text{NaHSO}_4$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , are also known. The general name "acid radicle" is conveniently applied to  $\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{PO}_4$ ,  $\text{MnO}_4$ , &c., it being understood that although most of these are unisolated compound radicles,—*i.e.*, contain more than one element—some of them are elements; their common property is that of forming in combination with hydrogen and with metals—salts. For analytical purposes, then, we

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\* The meaning and use of chemical symbols will briefly be explained hereafter (40); but the student is presumed to be already acquainted with them. In par. 540 will be found a list of the symbols of the different elements.

may separate the substances we have to detect into the groups of Metals and Acid Radicles. In trying the reactions for these substances, it is usual to employ, not the substances themselves, but certain compounds—usually salts—which contain them.

For convenience of hasty writing, it is not uncommon to employ abbreviations for the compound radicles, especially for such as are constantly met with or are of unusual complexity. In the text the only such abbreviations employed are:—

Am for  $(\text{NH}_4)$ , the metallic radicle ammonium.

T „  $(\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_6)$ , the acid radicle of tartaric acid and the tartrates.

A „  $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)$ , the acid radicle of acetic acid and the acetates.

Cfy „  $(\text{FeCy}_6)$ , the acid radicle of ferro- and ferri-cyanides.

Ho „  $(\text{HO})$ , the radicle Hydroxyl, occurring in hydrates, &c.

**37. Analytical Groups.**—The metals are separated by their behaviour with certain general reagents into five principal groups, two of these being further subdivided into two sub-groups. Each of these groups receives a distinctive name—either a number from its place in the systematic course, or a name from some conspicuous or important member of the group, or from the general reagent used to precipitate the group. Thus we speak indifferently of the 4th Group, the Barium Group, or the Ammonium-carbonate Group. On pages 168 and 169 will be found a table showing the analytical groups with their distinctive numbers, names, and group reagents placed at the head of each column; and the names and symbols of the elements contained in the group arranged vertically beneath.

It is perhaps well to avoid referring to a group by its number, as different analysts number the groups differently, and the name thus given is therefore apt not to denote the group with certainty.

**38. Method of trying the Analytical Reactions in Section IV.**—In order to become fully acquainted with the behaviour

of different substances with "reagents" and thus to be able to detect them by their "reactions," each of these reactions should be performed with the substance itself or with one of its compounds, and the appearances presented carefully observed, so that the substance would be easily recognised in a body of unknown composition by means of those tests.

The following general rules must be carefully attended to in trying the reactions; they may be read through before commencing the reactions par. 47 :—

1. A *solution* of the substance which is directed to be used must always be employed, unless it is specially stated that the *solid* is required. Solid substances are required as a rule only for blowpipe reactions. A solution can be readily made from the solid, if necessary, by warming it with water or in some cases with dilute acid (529). This is often called the "original solution."

2. Commence by taking in a test-tube or small beaker a small quantity (about 15–20 c.c.) of the solution of the substance. If the solid substance is also required, take some of it upon a watch-glass.

3. Pour a small portion of the solution into a perfectly clean test-tube, and add the first-mentioned reagent to it. The reagent must always be added in small quantity at first; more can be employed afterwards if excess is required. The student must from the first acquire the habit of working with small quantities both of solutions and reagents.

For each of the reactions a separate portion of the "original solution" is thus poured into a clean test-tube and the required reagent added to it.

4. Before trying each reaction the student must carefully read through the description of the results he is to obtain; he must then perform the experiment literally following out the directions given. He must consider it a necessary condition of after success that each result is obtained precisely as stated in the text, and must never on any account pass on until he has conscientiously satisfied himself that the statements of the book are true, and that he could at any time repeat the test successfully.

**39. Entry in Note-Book.**—Each reaction, as soon as it has been satisfactorily tried, should be neatly entered in the notebook in a short form. Since nothing so much aids brevity as the symbolic notation commonly used by chemists, the student should invariably adopt this chemical shorthand in entering results. A full account and explanation of chemical notation may be found in any work on theoretical chemistry, and merely a few hints will therefore be here given which will be of special use for the purpose of briefly entering reactions.

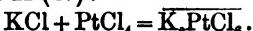
**40. Chemical Notation.**—Each element has its corresponding *symbol* consisting of one or two letters ; thus S stands for sulphur, Cl for chlorine. These symbols also stand for one *atom* of each element; by being written one after another they give the *formula* of a compound substance, showing what elements, and how many atoms of each of these elements, its molecule contains : thus KCl stands for one molecule of potassium chloride, a compound of one atom of potassium and one atom of chlorine ; PtCl<sub>4</sub> stands for one molecule of platinic chloride, which consists of one atom of platinum combined with four atoms of chlorine, the small figure placed *below* a symbol to the right denoting how many atoms of that element are present. A number placed before a formula multiplies each symbol in that formula ; thus 2PtCl<sub>4</sub> signifies two molecules of platinum chloride, containing together two atoms of platinum and eight atoms of chlorine. If two or more symbols are included in brackets any number placed outside, either *before* or *below* the brackets multiplies each symbol contained in the brackets ; thus both Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Sr<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> stand for SrN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>, and this may also be written Sr.2NO<sub>3</sub>. In paragraph 540 will be found a list of the elements, with their symbols and atomic weights; paragraphs 524, 525, 526, 529, and 530 contain a list of the names and corresponding formulæ of all the most common compound substances mentioned in the course of the book. Symbols and formulæ are always used in the text instead of names, but the student can readily find for these corresponding names by reference to the above tables, or to the labels on the bottles which should contain both names and formulæ.

**41.** On adding a "reagent" to a substance some change usually occurs which gives rise to an alteration of colour, or very frequently to the formation of a precipitate having a certain colour, appearance, or behaviour with other liquids, which are characteristic of that particular substance, or of some element or group of elements contained in it; this change should be briefly described in the note-book in words, and then represented by a *chemical equation*. The rules for drawing out an equation may be found in any treatise on chemistry; a few general directions only are here given which will be of service for the special object in question.

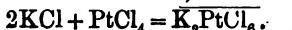
**42. Rules for writing down an Equation.**—Write down the formulæ of the two substances which are mixed together for the reaction, with the sign of addition (+) between them; then write the sign of equality (=), followed by the formula of the precipitate produced. In a completed equation the formulæ written on the left-hand side of the sign (=) are usually called the "left-hand side" of the equation; those to the right the "right-hand side." Since most of the following reactions are cases of "double decomposition"—*i.e.*, cases where an exchange of certain elements or groups of elements occurs between the two compounds,—a little consideration will usually show how many molecules of the substances on the left-hand side of the equation are required to yield the formula for the precipitate, and also whether any other, and if so what other, substance is at the same time formed.

It is always necessary that the number of atoms of any one element on both sides of the equation should be equal. The following are dissected examples:—

The first test for K (47):—



This is simply placing together the substances mixed and the precipitate formed; the equation thus formed is evidently not correct, since we have two atoms of K on the right-hand side and only one on the left, also 6 atoms of Cl on the right and only 5 on the left; but this inequality is at once removed if we place 2 before the KCl, thus:—

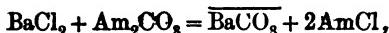


Evidently if the above equation is correct the precipitate is here the only substance formed, since the number of atoms in the substances on the left-hand side is exactly equal to that in the substance on the right.—

Take now the first test for Ba (69):—



This represents the substances mixed and the precipitate formed, but evidently the left-hand side of the equation contains more than the right (viz., Am<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub>); hence we write it fully thus :—



which states that on mixing together barium chloride (BaCl<sub>2</sub>) and ammonium carbonate (Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>), we obtain barium carbonate (BaCO<sub>3</sub>) and ammonium chloride (AmCl).

In writing out these equations a systematic method should be observed. Write down on the left-hand side of the equation first the substance whose reaction is being tried, then the reagent added; and on the right-hand side write first the formula for the precipitate with a line drawn over it by way of distinction, then any substance or substances which may be formed with it.

In the reactions which follow, the formulæ of the substance used, of the reagent added, and of the precipitate produced will always be given, these being sufficient data to enable the student to form the equation; only where the equation is exceptionally difficult or complicated will it be given in full.

**43.** The following contractions are recommended :—

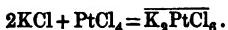
expt.	for	experiment.		insol.	for	insoluble.
pp.	„	precipitate.		sol.	„	solution.
pp <sup>n</sup> .	„	precipitation.		cryst.	„	crystalline.
pp <sup>d</sup> .	„	precipitated.		col.	„	coloration.
sol.	„	soluble.				

**44.** Examples are given below showing how these reactions should be entered in the note-book; they should be referred to as soon as the student commences the reactions for the metals :—.

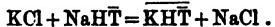
1st. [See pars. 47-50.]

POTASSIUM (K).—Used KCl.

$\text{PtCl}_4$ : stirred on watch-glass : yellow cryst<sup>na</sup>, pp., sol. in much water and in KHO, insol. in alcohol:



$\text{NaHT}$ : well shaken in a test-tube : white cryst<sup>na</sup> pp., sol. in water, KHO, and HCl:



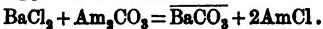
*Flame col.*: pale violet, violet-red through the indigo-prism or cobalt-glass.

*Heated in tube or on platinum foil* (solid KCl) : melted, but gave no fumes ; hence not volatile.

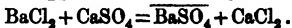
2nd. [See pars. 69-74.]

BARIUM (Ba).—Used BaCl<sub>2</sub>.

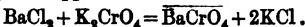
$\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ : white pp., sol. in  $\overline{\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}}$ :



$\text{CaSO}_4$ : heavy white pp., insol. in boiling HCl:



$\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ : light yellow pp., sol. in HCl, insol. in  $\overline{\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}}$ :



*Flame col.*: on loop of plat<sup>m</sup> wire, yellowish-green colour.

**45. General Rules to be observed whilst working.**—The student should attend carefully to the following precautions, which will most materially aid the progress and accuracy of his work ; if they are observed from the commencement they will not be felt irksome :—

1. Before commencing work look through the reagent bottles belonging to the working bench ; replace any which are absent, and arrange the bottles, if necessary, in the order indicated on an accessible list, or shown by the number on the labels of the bottles, or by the labels on the edge of the shelf. Then proceed to fill any which are empty and to re-label any whose labels are imperfect or loose. If any of the liquid reagents are not quite clear when shaken they must be filtered before use.
2. Arrange the apparatus required for use, on the hinder

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part of the bench, so as to leave the front free to work upon ; this will lessen the risk of upsetting anything.

3. Before commencing work, all glass and porcelain which is not in use should be carefully cleansed, if not already clean ; but it is best never to put apparatus away dirty.

4. In using a reagent bottle take it in the right hand, remove the stopper by taking hold of it between any two of the fingers, or between the fourth finger and palm, of the left hand ; hold the stopper in this way and replace it immediately after the bottle has been used. Pour the liquid out at the side opposite to that bearing the label, and prevent the last drop from running down the outside by touching the lip of the bottle either with the stopper or against the clean edge of the vessel. Solid reagents should be taken out of the bottle on a clean knife-blade or spatula, or with a spoon of wood or horn ; or a small quantity should be turned out upon a piece of paper or upon the palm of the hand. *The bottle must be restoppered and replaced on the shelf in its proper place with the label outwards immediately after use, and must never be left standing on the working bench.*

5. If any solution or precipitate has to be put by for some time, always label it with a piece of gummed paper bearing an inscription or a reference number which is explained in the note-book and is sufficient to recall to mind what the solution or precipitate consists of : never trust to memory in this matter.

6. Brass crucible-tongs must never be employed for holding hot evaporating basins containing acids, as some of the brass is apt to be dissolved and thus introduced into the solution. A hot dish may be moved either by holding it with a cloth or by taking hold of the stand upon which the dish is placed.

7. *Liquids only* are to be poured down the sinks ; all solid refuse, such as soiled filters, broken glass, pieces of charcoal, &c., which would tend to stop the holes in the sink, must be thrown into a box placed in any accessible position in the laboratory, or into a small earthenware jar or vessel placed upon each working bench.

8. When a student is examining a substance to detect its composition, he must fully write down in his note-book each test or process, with the result obtained, as soon as it is completed. The analysis is thus written out gradually as it progresses: *on no account must the entry of the results be left until the completion of the analysis.* This rule cannot be too strongly enforced, as neglect of it is always attended with loss to the beginner. The most convenient form of entry is that of the Analytical Tables.

\* \* \* Cleanliness and neatness in analytical work cannot be too carefully attended to: more confusion and error may be caused by using dirty test-tubes, beakers, dishes, and funnels than would be thought possible by the beginner.

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### REACTIONS FOR THE METALS.

*Note.*—In trying through the reactions for the metals, the usual analytical order of the groups has been reversed, because the most simple reactions occur in the last group, and they are therefore better suited for a beginner.

#### GROUP V.—POTASSIUM GROUP.

46. This group includes K, NH<sub>4</sub>,\* Na, Mg. The first three metals (K, NH<sub>4</sub>, Na) are known as the "alkali metals"

The members of this group are not precipitated by any of the five group reagents.

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##### POTASSIUM (K).—Use KCl.

Refer if necessary to paragraphs 38 and 44 for directions how to work.

47. PtCl<sub>4</sub> added after a drop of dilute HCl to some of the KCl solution on a watch-glass and stirred with a glass rod, gives a yellow crystalline precipitate (K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub>), forming first along the lines where the rod has rubbed the glass.

Stir up the precipitate and pour off the liquid with the

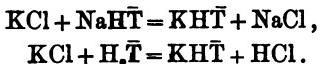
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\* A hypothetical metal radical, "Ammonium."

precipitate into three test-tubes ; to one add much distilled water and heat, the precipitate dissolves : to the other part add alcohol, the precipitate does not dissolve. Hence this precipitate is soluble in water, insoluble in alcohol. By warming the other portion with solution of KHO the precipitate is also shown to be soluble in that liquid.

*Remarks.*—The following remarks are of great importance in using the above test for K. Since this precipitate is soluble in alkalis the liquid should always be neutral or only faintly acid before adding  $\text{PtCl}_4$ , and since it is more insoluble in alcohol than in water addition of alcohol causes the precipitate to form more rapidly in dilute solutions ; owing to the solubility of the precipitate in water, very diluted solutions must, however, be evaporated nearly to dryness before applying the test. It is always well to add several drops of HCl before the  $\text{PtCl}_4$ , and to make sure by test-paper that the liquid is acid in reaction. These remarks apply also to the precipitate produced by  $\text{PtCl}_4$  with ammonium salts (52).

48.  $\text{H}_3\bar{T}$  (or better  $\text{NaH}\bar{T}$ ) mixed with some of the solution in a test-tube gives a white crystalline precipitate ( $\text{KHT}$ ) ; usually this precipitate appears only when the mouth of the test-tube is closed with the thumb and the tube well shaken for some time.



Shake up and pour some of the liquid and precipitate into four test-tubes ; add to these portions, water,\* KHO, and HCl respectively ; on being shaken and warmed the precipitate will dissolve in each of these liquids. Hence this precipitate is soluble in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , KHO, and HCl. To the fourth portion add alcohol ; the precipitate does not dissolve, since it is insoluble in alcohol.

*Remarks.*—In using the above test for the detection of K, the precipitate is not obtained in dilute solutions at once,

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\* By "water" is always meant "distilled water," unless otherwise stated.

but its formation is much hastened by the addition of alcohol: very dilute solutions must first be concentrated by evaporation. The solution to be tested should be neutral or only feebly alkaline: if acid in reaction, the acid should be boiled off (if volatile) or neutralised by  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; feebly acid solutions may, however, be at once mixed with  $\text{NaHT}$ ; to an alkaline solution  $\text{H}_2\bar{T}$  should be added till the reaction is strongly acid.

*Note.*—In the following reactions when a precipitate is stated to be soluble or insoluble in certain liquids, it must be proved to be so in the above manner unless different directions are given.

**49. Flame Coloration (32).**—Hold a loop of platinum wire in the flame and see that it gives no colour to the flame: then dip it into some KCl solution, or better still, moisten it and dip it into some powdered KCl, and again hold the loop in the upper part of the flame. A pale violet colour will be imparted to the flame if the KCl is pure;\* but whatever colour is thus seen, the flame-colour will always appear pale blue or violet through the thinner portions of an indigo-prism, and deep purple red through the thickest parts.

The light of a Bunsen flame itself usually appears pale blue through the indigo-prism: this colour should be noted before using the prism for examining a flame coloration.

The flame coloration due to potassium shows in the spectroscope a red line ( $\alpha$ ) and an indigo-blue line ( $\beta$ ).

*Note.*—A piece of blue cobalt glass may be used instead of the indigo-prism, but is by no means to be recommended, as the colour of different specimens is somewhat variable in shade and in intensity, whereas the colour of the indigo can be obtained of an invariable tint.

**50.** Heat a little solid KCl in a small dry test-tube, or better on a piece of platinum foil; the KCl will melt but will not pass into vapour producing white fumes unless heated very strongly, since K-salts are non-volatile at a moderate heat. The fused residue is often transparent and invisible if in small quantity; its presence is shown by a slight crackling being heard during cooling.

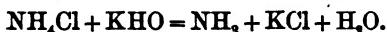
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\*  $\text{KNO}_3$  usually gives a purer potassium coloration.

**AMMONIUM ( $\text{NH}_4$ , or Am).**—Use  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ (AmCl).

*Note.*—The symbol Am is often written for  $\text{NH}_4$ ; it is very convenient, as it does away with the necessity of using brackets: e.g.,  $\text{Am}_2\text{S} = (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{S}$ .

**51.** *KHO\** (or *NaHO*) poured into some of the solution, or upon the solid, in a test-tube and heated gives off  $\text{NH}_3$  gas:



This gas is known by the following properties:—

*a.* Its pungent smell—that of common smelling salts.

*b.* By turning moist red litmus-paper blue. A small piece of red litmus-paper is wetted with distilled water and placed upon a clean glass rod, and is then held in the test-tube, taking great care not to touch with it the liquid or the sides of the tube: the paper becomes blue.

*c.* A glass rod dipped into strong  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , and held over the mouth of the test-tube produces dense white fumes.

**52.** *PtCl<sub>4</sub>* stirred on a watch-glass with some AmCl solution gives a yellow crystalline precipitate ( $\text{Am}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ), soluble in water and in KHO, insoluble in alcohol. The remarks at the end of par. 47 apply here also. This precipitate if boiled with KHO evolves  $\text{NH}_3$  (difference from  $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ).

**53.** *H<sub>2</sub>T* (or better *NaHT*) shaken for some time in a test-tube with AmCl solution gives a white crystalline precipitate ( $\text{AmHT}$ ), soluble in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , KHO, and HCl, insoluble in alcohol. The remarks in par. 48 apply here also.

*Note.*—This precipitate is more soluble than the  $\text{KHT}$  precipitate, and therefore does not form so readily. Indeed with  $\text{H}_2\bar{\text{T}}$  a precipitate rarely forms unless alcohol be added, in which the precipitate is less soluble than in water. With NaHT a precipitate is obtained on shaking the liquid well for some time unless it is very dilute.

**54. Flame Coloration.**—AmCl, if pure, gives on platinum wire no colour to the flame.

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\* In all cases where KHO is to be used NaHO may be substituted, and either KHO or NaHO may be used unless it is specially stated that "pure NaHO" is to be employed.

**55.** Heat a little solid  $\text{AmCl}$  in a small dry test-tube, or on a piece of platinum foil ; it will be converted into vapour producing white fumes, which are seen (if platinum foil is used) by removing the foil for a moment from the flame. Hence  $\text{AmCl}$  is volatile.

If the experiment is performed in a dry test-tube, a white coating or "sublimate" forms on the upper part of the tube.

**SODIUM (Na).**—Use  $\text{NaCl}$ .

**56. Flame Coloration.**— $\text{NaCl}$  gives an *intense yellow* colour to the flame : the colour is almost invisible or pale blue when viewed through the indigo-prism, *and never shows the slightest tinge of red or purple*, even when seen through the thickest parts of the prism. A crystal of red  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  appears colourless if illuminated by this yellow flame. Examined by a small spectroscope, the sodium coloration gives a single yellow line ( $\alpha$ ).

The yellow colour of the sodium flame is always readily seen, since it overpowers that of K ; its production is the most reliable, and often the only possible, test for sodium.

*Note.*—If both K and Na are present, the K coloration is unseen and the yellow coloration of Na is alone visible ; but on examining this flame through the indigo prism or cobalt glass, the purple coloration of the K is at once seen ; prove this by mixing together  $\text{KCl}$  and  $\text{NaCl}$  and trying the flame coloration without and with the indigo-prism. The spectroscope also shows the lines of Na and K quite distinct from one another.

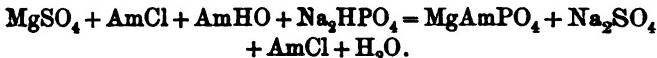
**57.** Some solid  $\text{NaCl}$  heated in a dry test-tube, or better on platinum foil, melts without producing white fumes unless heated very strongly, since  $\text{NaCl}$  is not volatile at a moderate heat.

**MAGNESIUM (Mg.)**—Use  $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solution.

**58.**  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4^*$  added after  $\text{AmCl}$  and  $\text{AmHO}$  gives a

\*  $\text{NaAmHPO}_4$  is better than  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  ; since it produces the precipitate more readily than does  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  in dilute solutions, and always in a crystalline condition.

white crystalline precipitate ( $MgAmPO_4$ ) ; if much water is present this precipitate forms only when the liquid is warmed and well stirred or shaken. This precipitate is soluble in acids (use HCl or  $HNO_3$ ), insoluble in AmHO.



59. *KHO* gives a white precipitate ( $MgHo_2$ ),\* soluble in acids.

60. *Flame Coloration*.— $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ , if pure, gives no colour to the flame.

61. *AmHO* gives a white precipitate ( $MgHo_2$ ) ; but if AmCl is added to the  $MgSO_4$  solution before the AmHO, no precipitate is produced.

62. *Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>* gives a white precipitate ( $MgCO_3$ ), but only in strong solutions and on standing for some time. AmCl prevents the formation of this precipitate.

63. *Blowpipe Test*.—A little solid  $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ , placed in a small cavity on a piece of wood-charcoal and then heated in the tip of the outer blowpipe flame, shines brightly and gives a white unmelted mass of MgO ; no white fumes are given off since MgO is not volatile. If this white mass after cooling is moistened with several drops of cobalt-nitrate solution and again strongly heated for some time† in the outer blowpipe flame, it becomes *delicate pink* in colour ; this colour is best seen when the mass is *quite cold*, by comparison with a white piece of paper held near the residue on the charcoal.

\* This convenient symbol (Ho) for the group (Hydroxyl), first proposed by Frankland, will be employed throughout in the formulæ for all hydrates containing more than one atom of Hydroxyl ; it prevents the necessity of using brackets, as a number placed below the symbol multiplies both H and O, thus  $Ho_2$  equals  $(HO)_2$  or  $H_2O_2$  ; and  $Ho_3$  equals  $(HO)_3$  or  $H_3O_3$ .

† It is necessary to heat strongly after moistening with  $Co(NO_3)_2$ , else blue  $Co(NO_3)_2$  remains.

## 64. GROUP V.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

*Note.*—A blank (thus —) signifies that no marked or characteristic change occurs. For the method of using the table see par. 65.

Testa.	K—Salts.	NH <sub>4</sub> —Salts.	Na—Salts.	Mg—Salts.
* a. <i>For Solutions.</i>				
1. Boil with KHO solution.	—	NH <sub>3</sub> gas given off: known by its smell and by turning moist red litmus blue; it also gives dense white fumes with strong HCl.	—	White precipitate
2. Heat in flame on clean platinum wire.	Pale violet flame, which appears pale violet or purple red, through the indigo-prism.	—	Intense yellow flame, which shows no tinge of red through the indigo-prism.	—
3. Add AmCl, AmHO and Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> .	—	—	—	White crystalline precipitate.
4. Add PCl <sub>5</sub> and a drop of dilute HCl, and stir vigorously.	Yellow crystalline precipitate, forms only in strong solutions.	Yellow crystalline precipitate, forms only in strong solutions.	—	—
5. Add H <sub>2</sub> T (or better NaHT) and shake well.	White crystalline precipitate in strong solutions.	White crystalline precipitate in strong solutions.	—	—
b. <i>For Solids only.</i>				
6. Heat to redness in a dry test-tube, or on platinum foil.	Non-volatile, unless heated to bright redness.	Volatile; white fumes are given off and the substance passes into vapour (at least partially) forming a sub-limate on the upper part of the tube.	Non volatile, unless heated to bright redness.	Non-volatile.
7. Heat strongly on charcoal in the outer blow-pipe flame.	Melt easily and sink into the charcoal, colouring the flame pale violet. (See 2.)	Are volatile, giving off white fumes.	Melt easily and sink into the charcoal, colouring the flame intense yellow. (See 2.)	Leave ultimately a white infusible residue which shines brightly, and which if moistened with Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> solution and reheated becomes pink.

\* In using these tests for the detection of a single member of the group in solution, only the first four need be employed; the fifth test may be substituted for the fourth. Tests 6 and 7 are used only for the examination of solids. They may be supplemented, however, by tests 1 and 2.

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65. The method of using the foregoing table may be explained in a few words. Suppose a *solution* to be given which is known to contain one member of this group, the first five tests in the table (four and five being alternative) will enable us to decide which member is present. It is simply necessary to examine *separate portions* of the solution by these tests, until a result is obtained which conclusively proves the presence of one of the four substances. Tests 1, 2, 6, and 7 are similarly employed for examination of a *solid* substance. The student should never rest content with one test only when a second can be tried in confirmation, and he should always consider the tables of differences as mere summaries, and should refer back to the separate reactions for fuller accounts of the tests when required.

The results of these analyses, and of all analyses subsequently made by using the tables of differences, are best entered in three parallel columns, as shown in the upper part of the table in par. 67. The statement of the experiment or test performed is entered in the first column, the result observed being placed beside it in the second column, whilst beside this in the third column is stated the conclusion inferred from the result obtained.

At the end of each analysis state the result thus:—

*Found K.*

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66. (s)\* *Detection of Members mixed.*—We can also devise from the above table a plan for detecting the members of this group when mixed together. It is evident—

1. That  $\text{NH}_4$  can always be detected by boiling with KHO solution.
2. That Na can always be detected by its yellow flame coloration.
3. That Mg can always be detected by giving a white precipitate on addition of  $\text{AmCl}$ ,  $\text{AmHO}$ , and  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ .

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\* Paragraphs marked with an (s) are intended for a student using the senior course, and are passed over in the junior course.

4. That K may always be detected by giving a flame coloration which appears pale violet through the indigo-prism.

5. That the confirmatory test for K, by stirring with  $\text{PtCl}_4$ , may be tried if no  $\text{NH}_4$  is present; but it cannot be employed when  $\text{NH}_4$  has been found, since  $\text{NH}_4$  gives a yellow precipitate exactly like that given by K. Hence we first get rid of  $\text{NH}_4$  by evaporating some of the solution to dryness, and strongly heating the solid substance thus obtained on platinum foil as long as white fumes come off: the residue (if any) on the foil will then be free from  $\text{NH}_4$ , and can be dissolved and tested for K by  $\text{PtCl}_4$ .

The above remark concerning the  $\text{PtCl}_4$  test applies also to the  $\text{H}_2\overline{\text{T}}$  test for K, since  $\text{NH}_4$  gives a precipitate with  $\text{H}_2\overline{\text{T}}$  precisely similar to that yielded by K.

The following scheme, which embodies the above tests, must be used to test for Mg, K, Na, and  $\text{NH}_4$ , when they may be present together.

The student should examine several substances by this table for the four members of Group V., writing down the results he obtains fully in the form adopted in the table; that is to say, three columns are ruled; in the first is described the test performed, in the second the result observed, in the third what substance is inferred to be present or absent from that result.

**67. (s.) TABLE FOR TESTING FOR Mg, K, Na, NH<sub>4</sub>, IN A SOLUTION WHICH MAY CONTAIN ONE OR ALL OF THEM.**

(See note at the end of the Table.)

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
I. Add to a small part of the solution AmCl <sub>3</sub> , then AmHO and Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> , shake well and allow to stand if no precipitate appears at once.	1. A white precipitate forms. [2. No precipitate appears.]	Presence of Mg. [Absence of Mg.]
II. Dip a small loop of clean platinum wire into the solution, and hold it near the top of the Bunsen flame.	1. A yellow flame.* Look at the yellow flame through the indigo-prism; if a reddish-purple colour is seen.  2. A pale violet flame, appearing reddish-purple when seen through the indigo-prism.  [3. No colour is imparted to the flame.]	Presence of Na, possibly also of K.  Presence of K.  Presence of K and absence of Na.  [Absence of K and Na.]
III. Boil some of the solution in a test-tube with KHO solution, and try whether NH <sub>3</sub> is given off by smelling; or if it cannot be smelt, by testing with moist red litmus-paper (51 b), or strong HCl.	1. NH <sub>3</sub> gas is smelt, or the red litmus becomes blue, and white fumes are obtained with HCl.  [2. No NH <sub>3</sub> is smelt, and moist red litmus paper is not blued, neither are white fumes obtained with HCl.]	Presence of NH <sub>4</sub> .  [Absence of NH <sub>4</sub> .]
IV. A confirmatory test for K may be made by adding PtCl <sub>4</sub> or NaHT. If Exp. III has shown that NH <sub>4</sub> is present, proceed to test for K as under A; if NH <sub>4</sub> is absent, test for K as under B. (See 66, 5.)		
A.	Boil some more of the solution down to dryness in a porcelain dish; scrape out the white solid substance left in the dish, and heat it strongly on a piece of platinum-foil with turned-up edges as long as any white fumes are seen to be given off when the foil is taken out of the flame for an instant. Place the foil when cold in a test-tube, and boil it with <i>very little</i> water, to which two or three drops of dilute HCl have been added; cool the liquid, and pour it out upon a watch-glass, add a little PtCl <sub>4</sub> , and stir well.  A yellow precipitate forms:— <i>Presence of K.</i>	Pour a little of the solution upon a watch-glass, add PtCl <sub>4</sub> , and stir well:  A yellow precipitate:— <i>Presence of K.</i> If no precipitate forms, K may nevertheless be present, the solution being too dilute to allow the precipitate to form; therefore pour some of the solution into a porcelain dish, boil down nearly to dryness, cool and test this liquid by stirring it with PtCl <sub>4</sub> on a watch-glass, adding alcohol if the precipitate does not appear at once:  A yellow precipitate:— <i>Presence of K.</i>  <i>Note.</i> —Addition of alcohol will frequently produce the precipitate without evaporation.

\* Almost all substances contain traces of Na, and therefore when heated in the Bunsen flame tinge it more or less yellow; hence, unless the yellow coloration is very intense, enter in the results "Na trace."

† In this and all subsequent places where PtCl<sub>4</sub> is directed to be used as a test for K, the NaHT test may be substituted for economical reasons.

*Note.*—Separate portions of the solution are to be used for each of these experiments. It must be understood that *only one* of the numbered results in the second column can be obtained in each experiment, but one or other of these must invariably be observed. In subsequent tables, that result only is stated in the second column which indicates the presence of a substance, and the absence of that result proves the absence of the substance: the portions in brackets will therefore be omitted in future.

Exp. IV. may be omitted by a beginner, K being tested for by the flame coloration alone (Exp. II.).

After writing out the tests tried in the above form, state at the end what has been found in the solution: thus—"Found, K and Na." This is to be done after writing out each analysis.

#### GROUP IV.—BARIUM GROUP.

68. This group includes Ba, Sr, Ca.

The members of this group differ from those of Group V., by being precipitated as carbonates by  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ , even in the presence of  $\text{AmCl}$ .\* They are not precipitated by any other of the group reagents.

BARIUM (Ba).—Use  $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

69.  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  added after some  $\text{AmCl}$ : white precipitate ( $\text{Ba CO}_3$ ) which is at first flocculent, but if heated and allowed to stand slowly shrinks in bulk and becomes crystalline.

Pour a little of this into another test-tube and add to it some  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , the precipitate dissolves entirely if sufficient  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  is added.

70.  $\text{CaSO}_4$  (or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ): heavy white precipitate, ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ ): insoluble in  $\text{HCl}$  even on boiling.

71.  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$  added after some  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ : yellow precipitate ( $\text{BaCrO}_4$ ), soluble in warm  $\text{HCl}$ , insoluble in warm  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ . (Diff. from Sr.).

+ 72.  $\text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6$ : semi-transparent precipitate ( $\text{BaSiF}_6$ ): the precipitate often does not appear in dilute solution until after some time, or until the liquid is boiled, or alcohol is added. Shaking or stirring this liquid hastens its formation.

\* On boiling with  $\text{AmCl}$  solution, however, the precipitates are more or less perfectly dissolved.

† A reaction in small type is comparatively unimportant, and may be omitted by beginners.

73.  $Am_2C_2O_4$ : white precipitate ( $BaC_2O_4$ ).

74. *Flame coloration*:  $BaCl_2$  gives a yellowish-green colour to the flame, visible through the indigo-prism.

The spectrum consists of a number of lines, the most characteristic of which are three green lines ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ).

**STRONTIUM (Sr).**—Use  $Sr(NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ .

75.  $Am_2CO_3$  added after some  $AmCl$ : white precipitate ( $SrCO_3$ ): soluble in  $H\bar{A}$ . This precipitate is flocculent at first; but if heated it quickly becomes crystalline and shrinks very considerably.

75a.  $CaSO_4$  (or  $H_2SO_4$ ): white precipitate ( $SrSO_4$ ), this precipitate does not usually form at once in a cold solution, but only after standing for some time. The precipitate, however, appears at once on boiling the liquid.

76.  $K_2CrO_4$  added after some  $H\bar{A}$ : no precipitate, since  $SrCrO_4$  is soluble in  $H\bar{A}$ .

77.  $H_2SiF_6$ : no precipitate.

78.  $Am_2C_2O_4$ : white precipitate ( $SrCr_2O_4$ ).

79. *Flame coloration*: crimson-red; this colour appears intense red through the indigo-prism unless the flame-coloration is very faint.

The strontium spectrum contains many lines; the most characteristic are the orange line ( $\alpha$ ), the red lines ( $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ), and the blue line ( $\delta$ ).

**CALCIUM (Ca).**—Use  $CaCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ .

80.  $Am_2CO_3$  added after  $AmCl$ : white precipitate ( $CaCO_3$ ), soluble in  $H\bar{A}$ . This precipitate is flocculent at first, but on standing for some time or on being gently heated, it shrinks considerably and becomes crystalline.

81.  $CaSO_4$ : no precipitate even on standing or on being boiled.

82.  $H_2SO_4$ : white precipitate ( $CaSO_4$ ) forms at once in strong solutions, and often in weak solutions on being boiled; but since  $CaSO_4$  is not quite insoluble in water, some of it will always remain dissolved; prove this by boiling the

above liquid containing the precipitate and filtering it, then keep adding AmHO to the filtrate and stirring it until a drop of the solution turns red litmus blue and the liquid smells of NH<sub>3</sub>, then add Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, a white precipitate will form, showing the presence of Ca (see 85 below) which must have been dissolved as CaSO<sub>4</sub>.

83. K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>: no precipitate.

84. H<sub>2</sub>SiF<sub>6</sub>: no precipitate.

85. Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: white precipitate (CaC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>), soluble in acids except HA and H<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

86. *Flame coloration*: yellowish-red ; this colour viewed through the indigo-prism *does not appear red* but *dingy green*, thus differing from that given by Sr.

In the calcium-spectrum the most characteristic lines are the green line ( $\beta$ .), and the intense orange line ( $\alpha$ .).

#### 87. GROUP IV.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

The first three tests only need be used for the detection of a member of this group occurring by itself in solution : test 1 serves also for solids.

Tests.	Ba—Salts.	Sr—Salts.	Ca—Salts.
1. Flame coloration.	Greenish-yellow.	Intense crimson, appears red through the indigo-prism.	Yellowish red, appears <i>dingy green</i> through the indigo-prism.
2. CaSO <sub>4</sub> added to the cold solution.	An immediate precipitate.	A precipitate appearing only after a short time or immediately on boiling.	—
3. K <sub>2</sub> CrO <sub>4</sub> added after HA.	Light yellow precipitate.	—	—
[4. H <sub>2</sub> SiF <sub>6</sub> added.	White precipitate.	—	— ]
5. H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> added in excess and boiled.	Entirely precipitated as BaSO <sub>4</sub> .	Entirely precipitated as SrSO <sub>4</sub> .	Partially precipitated as CaSO <sub>4</sub> ; hence the filtrate from the precipitate contains Ca, which may be detected by adding AmHO in excess, and then Am <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ; a white precipitate forms.

When analysing a solution which is known to contain only one member of this group, its detection by the first three of the above tests will be exceedingly simple.

88. (s) *The separation and detection of Ba, Sr, and Ca, when mixed,* depends upon the following differences:—

1. The flame colorations, examined if necessary through the indigo-prism, or better by means of the spectroscope.

2. The difference in behaviour with  $\text{CaSO}_4$ , which at once indicates the presence or absence of Ba.

3. The separation of Ba, if present, by  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$  in the presence of HA.

4. The precipitation of Sr by  $\text{CaSO}_4$  on being boiled, which will indicate the presence of Sr in the absence, or after the separation, of Ba.

5. The precipitation of Sr, if present, by boiling with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; sufficient  $\text{CaSO}_4$  then remaining in the solution to give, after making the filtrate alkaline with AmHO, a precipitate with  $\text{Am}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ .

89. (s) A solution which has to be examined for Ba, Sr and Ca, and can contain only these substances, is made alkaline, if not already so, by addition of AmHO; then  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  is added as long as it is seen to cause any precipitate; the liquid is then filtered (23), and a little more  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  added to the clear filtrate; if any further precipitate forms, more  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  is added and the liquid is again poured through the same filter, pouring the first portion of the filtrate once more through the filter as it is sure to come through turbid. As soon as the filtrate gives no further precipitate with  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ , all the members of this group which were present in the solution have been precipitated as carbonates, and on filtration are obtained on the filter. The precipitate is then examined by Table IV. (438).

*Note.*—In using the group Tables in Section VI. it must be understood that they are drawn out to meet the case of all the members of the group being present. If therefore in any case no precipitate forms on addition of a reagent, the substance or substances whose presence would have been indicated by the formation of the precipitate must be absent. Hence a filtration which is directed to be made is often unnecessary, and the solution itself is treated as is directed for the filtrate.

## GROUP III. A.—IRON GROUP.

**90.** This group includes Al, Fe, Cr.

The members of this group differ from those of Groups III. a, IV., and V., by being precipitated by AmHO after addition of AmCl; they are not precipitated however by the group-reagents for Groups II. and I.

This group is also precipitated by Am<sub>2</sub>S, or by H<sub>2</sub>S added to the alkaline solution.

Group III. a further differs from Group III. b in being completely precipitated by adding BaCO<sub>3</sub> shaken up with water; this reagent affords the most perfect means of separating the two groups.

The members of this group show no characteristic flame colorations; but, with the exception of Al, they give borax beads of characteristic colour.

**ALUMINIUM (Al).**—Use AlAm(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O or AlK(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O, ammonia- or potash-alum.

**91. AmHO:** white flocculent precipitate (Al<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub>), which is seen best on boiling the liquid: soluble in HCl and in H<sub>4</sub>A; slightly soluble in AmHO, especially in the absence of AmCl.



**92. KHO** added in very small quantity: same precipitate as AmHO: soluble in excess of KHO. If to a part of the KHO solution HCl be added gradually until it is neutral, the Al<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> is precipitated again; if more acid is added the precipitate dissolves, but is precipitated again by adding AmHO in excess. From another portion of the KHO solution the Al<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> may be reprecipitated by addition of sufficient AmCl.

**93. Am<sub>2</sub>S:** same precipitate (Al<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub>), H<sub>2</sub>S gas coming off or remaining dissolved in the liquid:



**94. Blowpipe Reaction.**—Some solid AlAm(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O heated on charcoal in the outer blowpipe flame, then mois-

tened, after cooling, with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution and again heated in the outer flame, gives a *fine blue mass*.

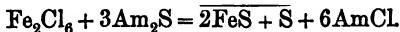
**95. IRON (Fe).** *Note.*—Two classes of iron compounds are known, which differ in appearance and properties and behave differently with reagents ; they are distinguished as *ferrous* and *ferric* compounds respectively, the former being supposed to contain the metal *ferrosum* ( $\text{Fe}''$ ),\* the latter *ferricum* ( $\text{Fe}'''$ ). It is usual in stating analytical results to mention in which state of combination the iron exists, and therefore some distinctive tests are described below (101). The whole of the reactions of ferrous compounds are not given, because Fe, if present, is always separated and detected in the course of analysis as ferricum, and ferrosum is tested for by special reactions in the original substance. Ferrous- are readily converted into ferric-compounds by boiling for a short time with a little strong  $\text{HNO}_3$ , or with HCl and a crystal of  $\text{KClO}_3$ .

**FERRICUM ( $\text{Fe}'''$ ).**—Use  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$ .

Ferric salts are usually yellow or reddish-yellow ; ferrous salts usually pale green, or white if perfectly dry.

**96. AmHO (or KHO) :** reddish-brown, flocculent precipitate  $\text{Fe}_2\text{HO}_6$  : insoluble in KHO, soluble in HCl.

**97.  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  :** a black precipitate ( $\text{FeS}$ ), mixed with white S : soluble in boiling acids ; insoluble in KHO :



In a very weak solution of Fe a green colour is produced at first by  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , and the black precipitate separates only after a time.

**98.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ :**† same black precipitate in alkaline solutions : in neutral or acid solutions S precipitates and the ferric is

\* This distinction of the two conditions of Fe and other elements by dashes or Roman numbers placed above the symbol, first proposed by Odling, is very convenient for brevity.

†  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  may be added as a solution of the gas in trying the reactions ; in the course of analysis the gas is usually passed into the liquid.

changed to a ferrous salt, the colour of the solution changing from yellow to pale-green as is seen after boiling and filtering.



*Blowpipe reactions.*—These are the same for ferrous as for ferric compounds.

99. Fused with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  on charcoal in the inner flame a grey magnetic powder is left (see 33 a); this is shown to be magnetic by being attracted when touched under water by the end or pole of a magnet, or by a magnetized knife-blade.

100. *Borax bead:* Outer flame: reddish-brown while hot:  
yellow when cold.  
Inner ,,, greenish bead (the colour  
of common green  
bottle glass.)

#### 101. DISTINCTIVE TESTS FOR FERROUS AND FERRIC SALTS.

*Note.*—For these tests several drops of dilute HCl should be first added to the Fe solution.

Reagents to be added.	Ferric-Salts.	Ferrous-Salts. (For Ferrous-Salt use $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ solution).
1. $\text{K}_4\text{FeC}_8$ added in small quantity.	<i>Dark-blue precipitate ("Prussian Blue")</i> : insoluble in HCl, soluble in $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ , and slightly soluble in $\text{K}_4\text{FeC}_8$ added in excess: turned brown by KHO.	<i>Light-blue precipitate</i> , becoming dark-blue in the air, or on addition of $\text{HNO}_3$ or Cl-water.
2. $\text{K}_3(\text{FeC}_8)_2$ .	<i>No precipitate</i> : the solution darkens, but on dilution with water is seen to contain no precipitate.	<i>Dark-blue precipitate ("Turnbull's Blue")</i> : insoluble in HCl. In very dilute solution only a dark bluish grey colour is produced.
3. $\text{KC}_8\text{S}$ .	<i>Blood-red coloration</i> : no precipitate is produced, the liquid being perfectly clear on dilution; the colour is immediately destroyed by adding $\text{HgCl}_2$ solution in sufficient quantity: its production is also hindered by $\text{HNO}_3$ and by HA.	<i>No red coloration unless small quantities of ferric-salts are present</i>

\* The solubility and insolubility of this precipitate must be shown by warming separate portions of the blue liquid containing the precipitate with HCl,  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{K}_4\text{FeC}_8$ , then separately filtering each: if the precipitate has been dissolved, the filtrate will be dark-blue.

**CHROMIUM (Cr).** Use  $\text{CrK}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Chromic-salts are usually green or violet in colour.

**102.  $\text{AmHO}$ :** pale bluish-green precipitate ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$ ) : if  $\text{AmHO}$  is added in large quantity and the liquid is heated some of the precipitate is dissolved, producing a beautiful violet-red solution whose colour is best seen after filtering ; but from this solution the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$  is precipitated again on boiling the liquid for several minutes in a porcelain dish.

**103.  $\text{KHO}$**  added in small quantity gives the same precipitate ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$ ) : if more cold  $\text{KHO}$  is added the precipitate is entirely dissolved to a green fluid, on diluting this liquid with water and boiling for several minutes the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$  is precipitated again and the liquid becomes colourless :  $\text{AmCl}$  added to the  $\text{KHO}$  solution also precipitates again the  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$ .

**103 a.** If to some of the green liquid, obtained by adding  $\text{KHO}$  in excess to the chromium solution, a little red-lead or lead-peroxide ( $\text{PbO}_2$ ) is added and the liquid is then boiled, a yellow liquid is obtained from which a yellow precipitate ( $\text{PbCrO}_4$ ) is thrown down by addition of  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  in excess.

**104.  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$**  precipitates  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$  :  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  gas being given off or remaining dissolved. The reaction is similar to that with  $\text{AlAm}(\text{SO}_4)_2$  par. 93.

**105. Blowpipe reaction.**—If  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{KNO}_3$  be mixed with some solid  $\text{CrK}(\text{SO}_4)_2$ , or with the dried precipitate produced by  $\text{AmHO}$  or  $\text{KHO}$ , and the mixture be fused on a piece of platinum foil or in a porcelain crucible or lid, or in a loop of platinum-wire as was directed for the borax bead (31), a yellow mass is formed coloured by  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$ . If this yellow mass is dissolved by boiling it with water, a yellow solution is obtained : this solution, if made acid with  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  and boiled for a few minutes to drive off  $\text{CO}_2$ , gives with  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$  solution a yellow precipitate of  $\text{PbCrO}_4$ .

**106. Note.**—Cr forms two classes of compounds: in one class Cr in combination with oxygen functions as an acid radicle: this class includes the chromates such as  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_3\text{O}_7$ , they are usually yellow or reddish in colour; but Cr also forms a series of salts in which it acts as a base; these are usually green or violet, and give the above reactions for Cr. The latter compounds pass by oxidation

into the former, as in reactions (103a) and (105) where the oxidation is caused by  $\text{PbO}_2$  and  $\text{KNO}_3$ , respectively. Chromates pass by reduction into the green compounds; examples of this change will be found under the tests for chromic acid (286). This reduction of chromic acid causes it to be detected in the course of analysis as a base, and a special experiment has to be performed to ascertain whether the Cr was present originally as a base or as an acid radicle.

## 107. GROUP III. A.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

Tests.	Al—Salts.	Fe <sup>'''</sup> —Salts.	Fe <sup>''</sup> —Salts.	Cr—Salts.
<i>a. For liquids.</i>				
1. Add AmHO.	White flocculent precipitate.	Reddish - brown flocculent precipitate.	Dingy-green precipitate, rapidly turning brown when left exposed to the air.	Pale-green flocculent precipitate, colour unaltered by exposure to air.
2. Add KHO.	White flocculent precipitate, easily soluble in excess of $\text{KHO}$ .	Reddish - brown flocculent precipitate, insoluble in excess of $\text{KHO}$ .	The same precipitate as with AmHO, insoluble in excess of $\text{KHO}$ .	Pale-green precipitate, soluble in excess of cold $\text{KHO}$ , but reprecipitated on diluting and boiling for some time.
3. Add KCyS and a few drops of HCl.	—	Deep blood - red coloration, destroyed by $\text{HgCl}_2$ solution.	No coloration unless Fe <sup>'''</sup> is also present.	—
<i>b. Blowpipe tests for solids.</i>				
4. Fuse with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KNO}_3$ on platinum foil.	—	On cooling, a white mass of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ remains, with dark - brown particles of $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ .	Same as Fe <sup>''</sup> .	On cooling, a yellow mass remains, easily soluble in water; the solution, after having been boiled with excess of HA, gives a yellow precipitate with $\text{PbA}_2$ .
5. Heated on charcoal.	In the outer flame when cool if moistened with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution and re-heated strongly gives a fine blue mass.	In inner flame mixed with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ gives a grey magnetic powder. (38a.)	Same as Fe <sup>''</sup> .	—
6. Fused in borax bead.	—	Reddish - yellow in outer flame. Greenish - yellow in inner flame.	Same as Fe <sup>''</sup> .	Green both in outer and inner flames.

Members of this group occurring singly are easily distinguished by one or other of the above tests, the first three serving for liquids, the last three for solids : tests 2 and 5 are the best for Al, 2, 4, and 6 for Cr, and 1, 3 or 6 for Fe.

**108. (s)** *The separation and detection of these three substances when mixed depend upon the following differences :—*

1. The solubility of  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$  in boiling KHO, in which  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6$  and  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$  are insoluble.

2. The conversion of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$  by fusion with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  into soluble  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$  :  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6$  remaining as  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  which is insoluble in water.

3. The yellow colour of the solution of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$  in water, and production of a yellow precipitate by acidifying it with  $\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}$  and adding  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$ .

4. The blood-red coloration obtained by adding KCyS to the  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  dissolved in HCl.

**109. (s)** A solution which may contain Al, Fe, Cr, is examined in the following manner :—

To a few drops of the solution acidified with HCl add a little  $\text{K}_4\text{FeCy}_6$  ; if a blue precipitate is produced Fe is present ; this portion is rejected. Two other small portions of the solution also acidified are then tested ; one with  $\text{K}_6(\text{FeCy}_6)_2$ , which by giving a dark blue precipitate shows the presence of  $\text{Fe}''$ ; the other with KCyS, which if it gives a blood-red colour proves the presence of  $\text{Fe}''$ .

Boil the rest of the solution for several minutes, after adding a few drops of strong  $\text{HNO}_3$  if  $\text{Fe}''$  is present ; add some AmCl, then AmHO until the liquid after being well stirred is alkaline and smells of  $\text{NH}_3$  ; boil, filter, and examine the precipitate by Table III.A (436), disregarding all the appended notes.

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### GROUP III. B.—ZINC GROUP.

**110.** This group includes Zn, Mn, Ni, Co ; its members differ from those of Group IV. and V., by being precipitated by  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  in neutral or alkaline solution, and by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  in alkaline solution : they are not precipitated by the group reagents

for Groups III.<sub>A</sub>, II., and I. Mn is however liable to be precipitated by AmHO, even in the presence of AmCl, if the solution stands exposed to air for some time.

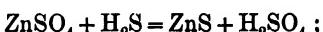
The members of this group show no characteristic flame colorations, but with the exception of Zn give characteristic colours to a borax bead.

BaCO<sub>3</sub> does not precipitate this group as it does Group III.<sub>A</sub>, unless its members are present as sulphates.

ZINC (Zn).—Use ZnSO<sub>4</sub>.7H<sub>2</sub>O.

**111.** Am<sub>2</sub>S: white precipitate (ZnS): the precipitate often appears yellow from the presence of excess of yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S in the liquid: its true colour is seen in the next reaction, or by letting the precipitate produced by Am<sub>2</sub>S settle, or by filtering it. For the solubility of this precipitate see the end of the next reaction.

**112.** H<sub>2</sub>S.\* white precipitate (ZnS): the Zn is only partly precipitated from a neutral solution since H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is separated and dissolves the ZnS:—



but if an alkali (KHO or AmHO) be added to neutralize the H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> when it is set free, the Zn may be entirely precipitated: addition of NaA also causes complete precipitation, since it replaces H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in the solution by HA, and ZnS is insoluble in HA:—



Add H<sub>2</sub>S to some ZnSO<sub>4</sub> solution made alkaline with a few drops of AmHO, and show by adding to separate portions of this liquid HCl, HA and Am<sub>2</sub>S, that ZnS is soluble in HCl, insoluble in HA and in Am<sub>2</sub>S.†

**113.** KHO added in small quantity gives a white precipitate (ZnHO<sub>2</sub>): if more KHO is added this precipitate dissolves;

\* H<sub>2</sub>S may be used in this group as as sulphuretted hydrogen water.

† The tests which show the solubility of the sulphides of this group are best tried on the precipitate obtained by AmHO and H<sub>2</sub>S unless freshly prepared colourless Am<sub>2</sub>S can be obtained, since from yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S acids precipitate sulphur.

the  $ZnHo_2$  is however precipitated again as such by adding much water to this solution and boiling it, or as  $ZnS$  by passing  $H_2S$  gas into it.

**114.** Solid  $ZnSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$  powdered with  $Na_2CO_3$  in a mortar, then heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, gives a white incrustation on the charcoal, which is *yellow* whilst hot. It cannot be driven away by the outer blowpipe flame, but is easily removed by the inner flame. If this incrustation on cooling is moistened with cobalt-nitrate solution and strongly heated in the outer blowpipe flame it becomes *green*.

*Note.*—The above changes of colour are more distinctly obtained by igniting a little solid  $ZnSO_4$  in the outer blowpipe flame on charcoal, it is *yellow* whilst hot, and *white* when cold: if moistened with  $Co(NO_3)_4$  solution and reheated in the outer flame, it becomes *green*.

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**MANGANESE (Mn).**—Use  $MnCl_4$  or  $MnSO_4$ .

Manganous salts are usually of a pale pink colour. Alkaline manganates are green, permanganates purple.

**115.**  $Am_2S$ : flesh-coloured or pinkish precipitate ( $MnS$ ): the liquid should be filtered, since the precipitate often appears discoloured by the yellow  $Am_2S$ , the colour of the precipitate on the filter is then easily seen; the colour of the moist precipitate darkens to brown on standing in the air upon the filter.

For the solubility of this precipitate see Exp. (116).

**116.**  $H_2S$  precipitates  $MnS$  partly from neutral solutions, entirely from alkaline solutions, but not at all in presence of free  $HCl$  or  $\overline{HA}$ : show with separate portions of the  $MnS$  precipitate, obtained by adding  $H_2S$  solution to the liquid after some  $AmHO$ , that  $MnS$  is soluble in  $HCl$  and in  $\overline{HA}$ , but insoluble in  $Am_2S$ .

**117.**  $KHO$ : white precipitate ( $MnHo_2$ ), quickly turned brown by pouring the liquid containing the precipitate into a white porcelain dish or upon a filter: the precipitate is insoluble in excess of  $KHO$ .

**118.**  $AmHO$  gives the same precipitate, but if sufficient  $AmCl$  is first added  $AmHO$  produces no immediate pre-

cipitate, the solution however on standing exposed to the air turns brown and the Mn is gradually precipitated as brown  $Mn_2H_6O_6$ .

**118a.** Pour a little  $MnSO_4$  (not  $MnCl_2$ ) solution upon some red or brown lead oxide ( $PbO_2$ ), add  $HNO_3$  which must be quite free from  $Cl$ , boil the mixture and allow the powder to settle: the clear liquid is coloured deep red by the formation of permanganic acid ( $HMnO_4$ ). The production of the colour is prevented by the presence of chlorine in any soluble form of combination.

**119.** *Blowpipe tests.*—If some solid  $MnCl_2$  be fused in the outer flame with a mixture of  $Na_2CO_3$  and a little  $KNO_3$ , a *bluish-green mass* is obtained on cooling. The mixture may be fused on a piece of platinum foil by heating the lower surface of the foil with the blow-pipe flame; or a bead of the  $Na_2CO_3$  and  $KNO_3$  mixed may be made in a loop of platinum wire, and the experiment tried just as with a borax bead, heating it in the extreme tip of the outer flame.

**119 a.** Fused with  $Na_2CO_3$  on charcoal in the inner flame a grey magnetic powder is obtained (33 a).

**120.** *Borax bead.* Use very little\* solid  $MnCl_2$ :

In the outer flame { *Violet-red* bead whilst hot.  
                          *Amethyst-red* on cooling.

In the inner flame.—A colourless bead.

**NICKEL (Ni).**—Use  $NiSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ .

Nickel salts are usually pale bright green in colour.

**121.** *Am<sub>2</sub>S:* black precipitate (NiS); add more yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S† boil and filter, a brown filtrate runs through, coloured by NiS dissolved in the excess of Am<sub>2</sub>S: pour this filtrate into a porcelain dish and boil for some time, adding distilled water if necessary to prevent the dish becoming dry; the

\* Borax beads are often opaque from the use of too much substance: in such a case fuse the bead in the blowpipe flame, then by a sudden jerk throw some of the fused mass off, and fuse again the remaining portion with fresh borax: repeat this if necessary. The fused bead may also be flattened by squeezing with small pincers.

† The Am<sub>2</sub>S must be yellow; colourless Am<sub>2</sub>S does not dissolve NiS.

black NiS will be precipitated and may be filtered off, giving a colourless filtrate. If H $\bar{A}$  is added to the dark filtrate until it is acid, the NiS is also precipitated from it.

122.  $H_2S$ : black precipitate (NiS) in neutral solutions or in solutions acid with H $\bar{A}$ , but HCl prevents the precipitation; show with portions of the liquid containing NiS, obtained by adding  $H_2S$  to  $NiSO_4$  solution to which a little AmHO has been added, that NiS is insoluble in cold dilute HCl and in H $\bar{A}$ , but soluble when heated with HCl after adding a crystal of  $KClO_3$ .

123.  $KHO$ : light-green precipitate ( $NiHo_2$ ).

124.  $AmHO$  added in very small quantity: bluish-green precipitate ( $NiHo_2$ ): soluble in excess of AmHO to a violet-blue liquid: soluble also in AmCl. If AmCl be first added AmHO causes no precipitate.

125.  $KCy$  added in small quantity gives a yellowish-green precipitate ( $NiCy_2$ ): by further addition of KCy this precipitate is redissolved, but HCl again precipitates  $NiCy_2$  from this solution.

126. If some nickel sulphate solution is made acid, with several drops of HCl, then KCy gradually added, whilst stirring or shaking the liquid, until the precipitate is redissolved, and the solution thus obtained is boiled for a short time, then cooled and divided into two parts: HCl added in excess to one part will produce a precipitate of  $NiCy_2$ , often only appearing after a time:  $Na_2Cl_2O$ , or Br-water after excess of NaHO, added to the other part will give on warming a black precipitate ( $Ni_2Ho_6$ ).

#### *Blowpipe reactions.*

127. Solid  $NiSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$  powdered with  $Na_2CO_3$  in a mortar and then fused on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, leaves a grey powder which is attracted by the magnet. (See 33a).

#### *Borax bead.*

In outer flame	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Violet or sherry-red bead whilst} \\ \text{hot.} \\ \text{Pale yellow on cooling.} \end{array} \right.$
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In inner flame, after being heated for some time.	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Blackish or opaque bead.} \end{array} \right.$
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**COBALT (Co).**—Use  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Cobalt salts are usually reddish-pink in colour.

**130.  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ :** black precipitate ( $\text{CoS}$ ) ; on adding much  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , boiling and filtering, the filtrate is coloured yellow by  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  and is not dark coloured, since  $\text{CoS}$  is insoluble in  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  (difference from  $\text{NiS}$ ). For the solubility of  $\text{CoS}$  see Exp. 131.

**131.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ :** black precipitate ( $\text{CoS}$ ), only forms in alkaline solutions or in solutions acid with  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ ;  $\text{HCl}$  prevents the precipitation. Add  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water to some  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution, first made alkaline with a few drops of  $\text{AmHO}$ , and pour into separate portions of this liquid  $\text{HCl}$  and  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , the precipitate does not dissolve ; to the portion containing  $\text{HCl}$  add a crystal of  $\text{KClO}_3$  and heat, the precipitate dissolves readily.

**132.  $\text{KHO}$ :** blue precipitate ( $\text{CoHO}_2$ ), turning green if poured out upon a watch-glass and allowed to stand in the air, and becoming pale red on being boiled ; the red colour is, however, frequently more or less masked by a brown cobalt hydrate precipitated at the same time.

**133.  $\text{AmHO}$ :** bluish-green precipitate, having the same properties as that given by  $\text{KHO}$ : soluble in  $\text{AmCl}$ , hence if  $\text{AmCl}$  is added before  $\text{AmHO}$  no precipitate is produced.

**134.  $\text{KCy}$**  added in small quantity gives a reddish-brown precipitate ( $\text{CoCy}_2$ ) : add more  $\text{KCy}$  slowly and whilst shaking the solution, the precipitate dissolves ; now add  $\text{HCl}$ , the  $\text{CoCy}_2$  is precipitated again.

**135.** If some  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution is made acid with a few drops of  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , then  $\text{KCy}$  added slowly until the precipitate at first formed just redissolves, and the liquid is boiled until no smell of  $\text{HCy}$  is evolved, then cooled and divided into three parts, it will be found that neither  $\text{HCl}$ , nor  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ , nor  $\text{Br}$ -water with excess of  $\text{NaHO}$  solution, produces a precipitate on warming the liquid. [Difference from  $\text{Ni}$ , see (126).]

*Note.*—The difference of behaviour of the  $\text{Ni}$  and  $\text{Co}$  solutions which have been boiled with excess of  $\text{KCy}$ , is due to the fact that  $\text{NiCy}_2$  forms with  $\text{KCy}$  a feeble compound ( $\text{NiCy}_2 \cdot 2\text{KCy}$ ) which is soluble in water,

but is easily decomposed: whereas  $\text{CoCy}_3$  forms with  $\text{KCy}$  in the air the very stable soluble compound  $\text{K}_4(\text{CoCy}_3)_2$  "Potassium Cobalticyanide."

#### *Blowpipe Reactions.*

136. Fused with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  on charcoal in the inner flame,  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  gives a grey metallic powder attracted by the magnet (33 a).

137. *Borax bead*: strong solution may be employed, the bead being dipped into it. *Fine blue* bead in both inner and outer flames: opaque if too much  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  has been used.

#### 138. GROUP III.

Testa.	Zn—Salta.	Mn—Salta.
<i>a. For Liquids.</i>		
1. Add $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , or better $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ and a few drops of $\text{AmHO}$ .	White precipitate: soluble in cold dilute HCl: insoluble in $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .	Pink precipitate: soluble in dilute HCl: soluble in $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .
2. Add $\text{KHO}$ .	White precipitate: soluble in excess of $\text{KHO}$ .	White precipitate: turning brown in the air: insoluble in $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .
3. Add $\text{KCy}$ . [Note.—This test being employed to distinguish between Ni and Co, need only be tried when a black precipitate has been obtained by Test No. 1].	—	—
<i>b. Blowpipe tests for solids.</i>		
4. Fused with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ .	On charcoal in the inner flame: gives a white incrustation, which, if moistened with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ and heated in the outer flame, turns green. The substance itself, when strongly heated after having been moistened with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ also becomes green.	On charcoal in the inner flame: a grey magnetic powder. On platinum foil in outer flame: a bluish-green mass, should more rapidly if a little $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ be mixed with the $\text{Ni}_2\text{O}_3$ before fusing.
5. Borax bead.	—	Outer flame—Amethyst-red. Inner flame—Colourless.

139. When a solution is to be examined for only one member of this group, its detection by one or more tests in the above table will be very easy. The precipitate with  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  is distinctive;  $\text{ZnS}$  and  $\text{MnS}$  being easily recognised

by their different colours; NiS and CoS, which differ from ZnS and MnS by being black, are distinguished from one another by the solubility of NiS in excess of Am<sub>2</sub>S, the liquid therefore gives a brown filtrate. KHO also gives characteristic precipitates with each of these substances. The most distinctive tests for Ni and Co are 3 and 5 for Zn and Mn, 2, 4, and 5.

**140. (s) The method for separating and detecting Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, when mixed, depends on:—**

TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

Ni—Salts.	Co—Salts.
<i>Black precipitate: soluble in boiling yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S* to a dark solution: insoluble in cold dilute HCl and in HA.</i>	<i>Black precipitate: insoluble in boiling yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S*, in cold dilute HCl, and in HA.</i>
<i>Green precipitate: insoluble in KHO.</i>	<i>Blue precipitate: insoluble in KHO.</i>
<i>Added in excess to the slightly acid solution and boiled for some time, then Na<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O (or Br-water, and excess of NaHO) added, gives a black precipitate on heating.</i>	<i>Added in excess to slightly acid solution and boiled for some time, Na<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O (or Br-water and excess of NaHO) gives no precipitate on heating.</i>
<i>On charcoal in the inner flame, a grey magnetic powder (38 a).</i>	<i>Same as Ni.</i>
<i>Outer. { Violet-red or yellow while hot.           { Yellow when cold. Inner.—Grey or black opaque bead.</i>	<i>Outer and inner flames—Fine-blue bead.</i>

1. The solubility of NiS in yellow Am<sub>2</sub>S; ZnS, MnS, and CoS being insoluble.\* NiS is precipitated from this solu-

\* In order to ascertain whether the precipitate has been dissolved, filter and observe whether the filtrate is dark in colour.

tion by boiling or by addition of  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , and its presence confirmed by fusion in a borax bead.

2. The solubility of ZnS and MnS in cold dilute HCl, NiS and CoS being almost insoluble. (Note 1).

3. The solubility of  $\text{ZnH}_2\text{O}_2$  in cold KHO, in which  $\text{MnH}_2\text{O}_2$  is insoluble; white ZnS is then precipitated from this solution by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .

4. The production of a bluish-green mass by fusing  $\text{MnH}_2\text{O}_2$  with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{KNO}_3$ .

5. The difference of behaviour of the KCy solution of Ni and Co with  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  (or with Br-water and excess of NaHO): and the marked difference in their borax beads (Note 2).

*Note 1.*—Mn may also be separated from Ni and Co by passing  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  into the solution containing free  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ : Mn remains in solution, NiS and CoS are precipitated.

*Note 2.*—A modification by Henry of Rose's method for separating Ni and Co is also to be recommended; it depends upon the fact that, whilst Co is precipitated as  $\text{Co}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$  by  $\text{BaCO}_3$  in presence of Br, Ni remains in solution. The sulphides are dried and then strongly ignited in an open porcelain crucible: the metals remaining as oxides are dissolved by boiling with a little strong HCl, carbon is filtered off if necessary, and to the clear solution, after being cooled and mixed with Br-water, excess of  $\text{BaCO}_3$  is added in a small corked flask; the flask is then well shaken and allowed to stand for about half an hour: on filtering, Co if present is detected in the precipitate by the borax bead; Ni is precipitated from the filtrate by heating it with KHO, filtering and confirming the presence of Ni in the precipitate by fusing a portion of it in the borax bead.

**141. (s)** A solution is examined for Zn, Mn, Co, Ni, by adding AmCl to it in a boiling tube, then AmHO, if necessary, until it is alkaline; then Am<sub>2</sub>S until, after being well stirred or shaken, the liquid smells of it. The liquid is then boiled, a few drops are poured upon a filter and the colour of the filtrate noted; if it is colourless sufficient Am<sub>2</sub>S has not been added, more Am<sub>2</sub>S is then to be poured in, and the liquid again boiled. When a few drops run through the filter brown or yellow in colour, Am<sub>2</sub>S has been added in excess, the whole is boiled and filtered and the precipitate examined by Table III. b (437): the filtrate if yellow is rejected, if brown it is examined for Ni according to (431).

## GROUP II. A.—COPPER GROUP.

**142.** This group includes Hg'', Pb, Bi, Cu, Cd; its members differ from those of Groups III. A., III. B., IV. and V., in being precipitated by  $H_2S$  in acid solutions. With the exception of Pb, which in a strong solution is partially precipitated by HCl, the members of this group are not precipitated by HCl.

The sulphides differ from those of Group II. B., by being insoluble in  $Am_2S$  or KHO. If very much acid is present,  $H_2S$  does not precipitate the members of this group readily or completely, they are precipitated however on dilution.

MERCURICUM (—“Hg’’).—Use  $HgCl_2$ .

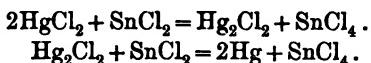
**143.** Hg forms two series of compounds distinguished as *Mercuric* and *Mercurous*: the mercury in these two states behaves differently with reagents, and may be distinctively called *Mercuricum* and *Mercurosum*: in the latter state it is classed under Group I.

**144.**  $H_2S$ :\* black precipitate ( $HgS$ ): if the  $H_2S$  solution is added slowly, the precipitate is first white, then brown or orange, and ultimately becomes black: these changes of colour during the addition of  $H_2S$  are characteristic of mercuric salts. Filter and wash the precipitate: place portions of it in three test-tubes: boil one portion with strong  $HNO_3$ , and another with strong HCl, the precipitate is not dissolved by either acid: mix the contents of the two tubes and warm again, the precipitate will now dissolve: boil the third portion with  $Am_2S$ , the precipitate does not dissolve. Hence  $HgS$  is insoluble in hot strong  $HNO_3$ , in hot strong HCl, and in  $Am_2S$ , but is easily soluble in a mixture of  $HNO_3$  and HCl (“aqua regia”).

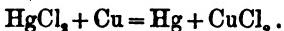
**145.**  $SnCl_2$ : white precipitate ( $Hg_2Cl_2$ ): if more  $SnCl_2$  is added and the liquid boiled, the white precipitate becomes

\* A test-tube half full of the solution must be used in order to get sufficient precipitate for the experiments below. This remark applies also to the liquid used for obtaining the  $H_2S$ -precipitate with the other members of this group.

grey and consists of fine particles of Hg; if the liquid be decanted and the grey precipitate be then boiled with strong HCl, the Hg particles unite to globules visible by a lens or frequently to the naked eye.



**146. Cu:** if a small strip of copper sheet or a copper coin, whose surface has been polished and cleansed by rubbing it with sand paper, be immersed in some  $\text{HgCl}_2$  solution made acid with a drop or two of HCl, it will soon become coated with a grey film of Hg:—



If the surface of the Cu, after having been immersed for several minutes, is dried and rubbed hard with a cloth or piece of wash-leather, it will appear more or less whitened like silver, the liquid metal Hg having "amalgamated" the Cu. The Hg may be readily driven off by heating the Cu strongly; if this heating is performed in a test-tube, or better in a small hard glass tube sealed at one end (10), globules of Hg are sublimed upon the cool sides of the tube.

**147.** Mix a little solid  $\text{HgCl}_2$  intimately with about three times as much  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , by powdering them together in a mortar, or with a pestle on a watch-glass. Pour some of this dried mixture into the bottom of a piece of perfectly dry hard-glass tubing closed by being drawn out (10) at one end (see note below), and cover the mixture with a small layer of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; now heat strongly first the layer of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , then gradually the mixture: Hg will sublime, condensing in globules on the sides of the tube. Sometimes the globules are so small that the layer appears as a grey film; they may be united into visible globules by rubbing the film with a splinter of wood or with a thin glass rod (11 a), or the separate globules may be seen by the use of a pocket lens.

*Note.*—The powdered mixture is best dried by spreading it out upon a watch-glass and placing it in a steam- or water-oven; it may be dried also by supporting it on the filter dryer (25) at some height above a

*small* flame. A powder such as the above is most easily placed in a narrow closed tube by alternately scooping the powder up with the mouth of the tube, and tapping the tube so as to shake the powder to the bottom: or by turning the powder out upon a piece of note paper folded over into a trough and pouring it thence into the tube, holding both over the watch-glass to catch any substance which falls. Both the inside of the tube and the powder must be perfectly dry, else some powder obstinately adheres to the sides of the tube and obscures the Hg-sublimate. The heating must never be commenced until the sides of the tube are perfectly cleansed if necessary with a twisted slip of filter-paper or a wooden match; also if any drops of water condense on the inside of the tube during the first stage of the heating they must be removed by a twisted piece of filter-paper, or by a small piece of filter-paper rolled round a wooden match or a thin piece of wire.

**148.** Heat a little solid  $HgCl_2$  in a tube closed at one end; the substance sublimes in white fumes, since Hg-compounds are volatile.

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**LEAD (Pb).**—Use  $Pb\bar{A}_2 \cdot 3H_2O$  dissolved in water to which a little  $\bar{H}A$  has been added.

**149.**  $H_2S$ : black precipitate ( $PbS$ ): this precipitate is red if much hydrochloric acid is present in the solution, but becomes black on diluting with water and passing  $H_2S$ , or on adding more  $H_2S$ -solution. Filter or decant, and show with separate portions of the precipitate that  $PbS$  is insoluble in  $KHO$  or  $Am_2S$ , soluble in boiling dilute  $HNO_3$ , but converted by boiling strong  $HNO_3$  into insoluble  $PbSO_4$ .

**150.**  $HCl$ : white precipitate ( $PbCl_2$ ), forms only in cold and strong solutions: on boiling, the precipitate dissolves,\* but the  $PbCl_2$  separates again in beautiful crystals on cooling.

**151.**  $H_2SO_4$ : white precipitate ( $PbSO_4$ ): this precipitate is much less soluble in dilute  $H_2SO_4$  than in water, hence  $H_2SO_4$  should be added in excess to a pretty strong solution of Pb: pour off into two test-tubes and let the liquid stand; decant the liquid from the precipitate, and show that the precipitate may be dissolved by pouring upon it  $\bar{H}A$  or

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\* If the precipitate does not entirely dissolve, add a little water and boil again.

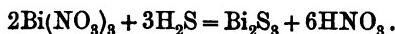
$H_2\bar{T}$ , then AmHO in excess, and boiling; show also that it dissolves in boiling strong HCl.

152.  $K_2CrO_4$  (or  $K_2Cr_2O_7$ ): yellow precipitate ( $PbCrO_4$ ): pour off into two tubes and show that the precipitate is soluble in KHO, but insoluble in  $\bar{H}A$ .

153. *Blowpipe Reaction.*—Mix well some powdered  $Pb\bar{A}_2 \cdot 3H_2O$  with about twice as much  $Na_2CO_3$ ; heat the mixture in a cavity on a piece of charcoal in the inner flame: a yellow incrustation will form around the cavity and small bright white globules of Pb will be seen within it. The incrustation is readily removed when heated in the inner blowpipe flame, colouring the flame azure-blue. Detach one of the globules with the point of a knife, place it on the bottom of a mortar turned upside down and give it a smart blow with the pestle; it flattens out without breaking into powder, because Pb is *malleable* not *brittle*. If one of the globules be fixed upon the point of a penknife, it will be found by gentle friction on paper to mark it as a blacklead pencil does.

BISMUTH (Bi).—Use  $Bi(NO_3)_3 \cdot 5H_2O$  dissolved in dilute HCl.

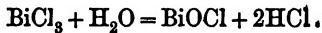
154.  $H_2S$ : brownish-black precipitate ( $Bi_2S_3$ ): let stand, and decant most of the water; then pour some of the precipitate into three test-tubes, and show that it is insoluble in  $Am_2S$  and in KHO, but soluble in strong  $HNO_3$ .



155. *AmHO* (or *KHO*): white precipitate ( $BiHo_3$ ); pour off a small quantity of the liquid and precipitate into a tube, add much AmHO and warm, the precipitate is undissolved; filter off the rest of the precipitate and dissolve it by pouring upon the filter *a few drops* of hot dilute HCl: keep this solution.

156.  $H_2O$ : pour the HCl solution obtained from the last reaction, or some of the original solution, into a large quantity of distilled water contained in a beaker: on stirring and

letting stand a milkiness appears, due to the formation of BiOCl:



Pour a little of the milky liquid into two test-tubes; warm one portion after adding to it a little strong HCl, the precipitate dissolves: to the other add  $\text{H}_2\bar{\text{T}}$  and warm, the milkiness remains (difference from SbOCl). If but little Bi is present this milkiness often only appears after stirring and letting the liquid stand for five or ten minutes.

**157.  $K_2CrO_4$  or  $K_2Cr_2O_7$**  (see Note below): yellow flocculent precipitate  $[\text{Bi}_2(\text{CrO}_4)_3]$ : add KHO, the precipitate does not dissolve (difference from  $\text{PbCrO}_4$ ); it dissolves completely in HCl or  $\text{HNO}_3$  added in excess.

*Note.*—Since this precipitate is soluble in HCl, and HCl is present in the Bi-solution used, the free HCl must first be removed by dissolving in a little of the Bi-solution a sufficient quantity of solid NaA; the free HCl is thus replaced by  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , which does not dissolve the precipitate:—



**158.  $H_2SO_4$ :** no precipitate.

**159. Blowpipe Reaction.**—A mixture of powdered  $\text{Bi}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  heated on charcoal in the inner flame, gives an incrustation *orange-red* whilst hot, *yellow* when cold; also white globules of Bi which are very brittle, being crushed to powder by a sharp blow with a pestle (153).

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**COPPER (Cu).**—Use  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Copper salts are usually either blue or green in colour; their colour commonly becomes very pale or disappears when the salts are thoroughly freed from water of crystallisation.

**160.  $H_2S$ :** brownish-black precipitate (CuS): filter, keeping the funnel carefully covered with a glass plate, as air quickly oxidizes CuS to  $\text{CuSO}_4$  which dissolves and runs through with the filtrate. Place some of the precipitate in five test-tubes and show that it is insoluble in KHO, in  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , and in boiling dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , but dissolves in boiling  $\text{HNO}_3$  (dilute or strong), and in KCy solution.

**161.  $\text{AmHO}$**  added in very small quantity: a *greenish-*

*blue* precipitate; if more AmHO is added this precipitate dissolves, yielding an *intensely blue* liquid containing  $(\text{N}_2\text{CuAm}_4\text{H}_2)\text{SO}_4$  which becomes again light-blue on adding an acid in excess.

162.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ : no precipitate.

163.  $\text{K}_4\text{FeCy}_6$ : reddish-brown precipitate ( $\text{Cu}_4\text{FeCy}_6$ ), insoluble in HA; the colour is best seen by doing the reaction in a white porcelain dish. In *very* dilute solution only a reddish colour is produced.

164.  $\text{Fe}$ : a bright strip of steel or iron, such as the blade of a penknife, freed from grease by rubbing with sand-paper or by boiling in a little dilute KHO and washing, when dipped into  $\text{CuSO}_4$  solution made acid with a few drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , is covered with a red film of Cu after a time.

165.  $\text{Zn}$  and  $\text{Pt}$ : a strip of bright Zn if placed upon a piece of platinum foil or wire in some  $\text{CuSO}_4$  solution contained in a porcelain dish or watch-glass, causes a red film of Cu to deposit on the platinum: the  $\text{CuSO}_4$  solution should be first made acid with a few drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .

*Blowpipe Reactions.*

166. A mixture of powdered  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  if heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, gives red scales of Cu, which are best seen by separating them as directed in par. 33a.

167. <i>Borax bead.</i>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; padding-right: 10px;">In outer flame:</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <math>\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Green whilst hot, blue when cold.} \\ \text{Red or colourless bead when cold, obtained only when very little Cu is present, and the bead is long heated in a good reducing flame.*} \end{array} \right.</math> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">In inner flame:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	In outer flame:	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Green whilst hot, blue when cold.} \\ \text{Red or colourless bead when cold, obtained only when very little Cu is present, and the bead is long heated in a good reducing flame.*} \end{array} \right.$	In inner flame:	
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In inner flame:					

168. *Flame Coloration*: a loop of platinum wire dipped into  $\text{CuSO}_4$  solution, and held in the inner blowpipe-flame, or in the Bunsen flame gives a *green* coloration; the flame shows a *blue centre*, after having been moistened with HCl.

\* The red bead is much much more easily and rapidly obtained by fusing a fragment of Sn or Zn into the bead, the former gives a clear, the latter a turbid bead.

CADMIUM (Cd).—Use CdSO<sub>4</sub>.4H<sub>2</sub>O.

169. H<sub>2</sub>S : bright yellow precipitate (CdS) : boil off the H<sub>2</sub>S, and pour into several tubes ; show with these separate portions that the precipitate is insoluble in Am<sub>2</sub>S, in KHO, and in KCy solution, but soluble in boiling dilute HNO<sub>3</sub> and in boiling dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> : dilute the H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution with much water and pass H<sub>2</sub>S for a short time, yellow CdS is again precipitated.

170. AmHO added in small quantity, best by using AmHO much diluted : white precipitate (CdHo<sub>2</sub>) ; on adding more AmHO the precipitate readily dissolves.

171. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> : no precipitate.

172. *Blowpipe reaction*.—Powdered CdSO<sub>4</sub> mixed with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, gives a brown incrustation.

173. GROUP II. A.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.—(See pp. 108-9.

174. The colour of the H<sub>2</sub>S precipitate, and its behaviour with strong HNO<sub>3</sub>, enable the analyst to detect one member of this group when present alone : the most characteristic special tests for each member of this group will be found under its reactions.

175. (s) The separation of Hg, Pb, Bi, Cu, Cd, depends upon the following differences :—

1. The solubility of Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, CuS, CdS in strong boiling HNO<sub>3</sub> ; HgS and PbS being insoluble.
2. The solubility of PbSO<sub>4</sub> in HÄ and excess of AmHO ; HgS being insoluble.
3. The solubility of CuHo<sub>2</sub> and CdHo<sub>2</sub>, and insolubility of BiHo<sub>3</sub>, in excess of AmHO.
4. The solubility of CdS and insolubility of CuS in boiling dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The insolubility of CdS in KCy solution, in which CuS easily dissolves, furnishes another means of separation.

After having being separated, the presence of each metal is confirmed by some special test.

176. (s) *A solution which may contain Pb, Hg, Bi, Cu, Cd, mixed* is first made acid, if not already acid, with a little HCl\*; H<sub>2</sub>S-water is then added, or the gas is passed in a rapid stream through the solution for about five minutes; the precipitate is filtered off, the filtrate mixed with more H<sub>2</sub>S-water, or diluted with a little water and H<sub>2</sub>S again passed for a short time, to ascertain whether all the above

## GROUP II. A.

Tests.	Hg—Salts.	Pb—Salts.
<i>a. For liquids.</i>		
1. Pass H <sub>2</sub> S or add H <sub>2</sub> S water.	Black precipitate, when filtered and well washed, insoluble in boiling strong HNO <sub>3</sub> , and unchanged by it.	Black precipitate; almost insoluble in boiling strong HNO <sub>3</sub> , changed by it into white PbSO <sub>4</sub> .
2. Add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .	—	White precipitate.
3. Add AmHgO.	White precipitate, insoluble in excess.	White precipitate, insoluble in excess.
<i>b. Blowpipe reactions for solids.</i>		
4. Borax bead.	—	—
5. Flame coloration.	—	—
6. Heated with Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> :		
a. In a tube, closed at one end.	Sublimate of Hg.	—
b. On charcoal in the inner blowpipe-flame.	—	Yellow incrustation white malleable globules.

A white precipitate of PbCl<sub>2</sub>, which may form if the solution is very

metals have been completely precipitated : if no further precipitate is produced the filtrate may be rejected : but in case H<sub>2</sub>S causes further precipitation more H<sub>2</sub>S-solution must be added, or the gas must be passed for some time longer, and the liquid poured again through the filter, the filtrate only being rejected when H<sub>2</sub>S no longer produces any precipitate in it ; the precipitate is then examined by Table II. (435). commencing at Group IIA (Copper Group), and using only the left-hand side of the Table.

TABLE OF DIFFERENCE.

Bi—Salts.	Cu—Salts.	Cd—Salts.
Black precipitate; soluble in boiling strong HNO <sub>3</sub> to form a colourless solution.	Black precipitate; soluble in boiling concentrated HNO <sub>3</sub> to form a blue solution; insoluble in boiling dilute H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .	Yellow precipitate; soluble in boiling HNO <sub>3</sub> , and in boiling dilute H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .
White precipitate, insoluble in excess.	Blue precipitate, easily soluble in excess to a deep blue liquid.	White precipitate, easily soluble in excess.
—	{ Outer flame { Green, hot. Inner flame { Blue, cold. Colourless bead.	—
—	Green, when moistened with HCl shows blue centre.	—
Orange-red incrustation; white brittle globules.	No incrustation; red metallic scales.	Brown incrustation; no globules.

trong, being neglected, since it is readily converted into PbS by H<sub>2</sub>S.

## GROUP II. B.—ARSENIC GROUP.

177. This group includes As, Sb, Sn; its members differ from those of Groups III. A., III. B., IV. and V. by being precipitated by  $H_2S$  in a solution made acid with HCl; they differ from those of Group I., in not being precipitated by HCl.

The sulphides of this group, which are precipitated by  $H_2S$ , differ from those of Group II. A. by being soluble in  $Am_2S$  or KHO.

178. Each member of this group forms two series of compounds which resemble each other in many reactions, but also present several differences. The two classes are distinguished conveniently by the terminations *-ic* and *-ous*; thus we speak of arsenic and arsenious acid.

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ARSENIC (As).  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{For arsenious compound use HCl solution} \\ \text{of } As_2O_3. \\ \text{For arsenic compound use water solution} \\ \text{of } Na_2HAsO_4 \cdot 12H_2O. \end{array} \right.$

A. TESTS WHICH GIVE ULTIMATELY THE SAME RESULT WITH BOTH SETS OF COMPOUNDS.

The two solutions should be taken in separate test-tubes and a portion of each tried in succession with each reagent; the difference of behaviour is thus more easily appreciated and remembered.

Arsenic compounds are converted into arsenious by boiling with HCl; this explains reactions 179 and 180 with arsenic solutions.

Reagent.	Arsenious solution.	Arsenic solution ( $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).
179. $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .	In neutral solutions only a yellow colour is produced, but if the solution is acid with HCl a light yellow flocculent precipitate ( $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ ) forms immediately even in the cold. Shake up and pour some of the liquid into another test-tube and show that KHO and $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , added to the separate portions drop by drop, dissolve the precipitate, which, however, is thrown down again on addition of HCl in excess.*	No precipitate is produced in the cold solution acidified with HCl; but if the acid solution is boiled, $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ causes in the hot solution, first a milky precipitate of S, then yellow $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ .
180. Cu: three or four narrow slips brightly polished with sand paper.	<i>Reinsch's Test.</i> —If boiled in the solution to which some dilute HCl has been added, Cu becomes coated with a black film ( $\text{As}_2\text{Cu}_3$ ); if the Cu slips are carefully dried by being pressed between filter paper, and are heated near the lower end of a piece of hard glass tube open at both ends and 4 or 5 inches in length, which is held somewhat obliquely in the flame or bent as seen in fig. 85 (p. 114), a white sublimate of $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ forms in the upper part of the tube; on being examined with a lens this is seen to consist of white octahedral crystals. This sublimate may be dissolved when cold in a little hot water, and the presence of As confirmed by tests 179 and 187. The presence of As in the deposit should always be confirmed in this way, since other metals besides As are deposited on Cu as a black film.	The same deposit is obtained as with $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ , but only when strong HCl is added and the liquid boiled.

\* The KHO solution of the precipitate and the  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$  precipitated from it by HCl are often discoloured by black sulphides formed by the action of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  upon Pb or Fe present as an impurity in the KHO: this discolouration may be almost entirely prevented by boiling the liquid before adding KHO, the free  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is thus expelled.

TESTS DEPENDING ON THE FORMATION OF  $\text{AsH}_3$ .

*Note 1.*—As  $\text{AsH}_3$  is a very poisonous gas, the following experiments with it should be performed in a cupboard provided with a good draught, or in the open air.

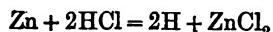
*Note 2.*—Arsenic-compounds give these reactions less readily than arsenious, but by being boiled with HCl for a short time they are converted into arsenious compounds, which then readily answer to the following reactions.

**181. Hofmann's Method.**—If some scraps of Zn and some dilute HCl, both free from As, be placed together in a small flask fitted with a funnel-tube dipping below the liquid and a

Fig. 33.



delivery tube, as shown in figure 33,\* H-gas will be given off either at once or on adding a little strong HCl ;—



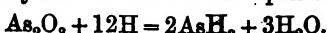
The hydrogen can be made to bubble through some  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$ -solution contained in a second small flask connected with the first by a piece of india-rubber tubing ; the gas, thus freed from any  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  with which it might possibly have been mixed, is then allowed to bubble through some  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution contained in a test-tube which is supported in a small beaker ; if the Zn and acid were free from As, no precipitate or colour is produced in the  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution.

If a little  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  solution be now poured into the larger flask through the funnel, a black precipitate (Ag) will begin

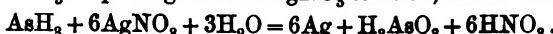
\* In order to be sure that the corks and tubes fit air-tight, moisten the outside of the cork after it has been placed in the neck of the flask, and having closed one tube, blow down the other. No air-bubbles must be seen or heard to escape.

Several of these apparatus may be kept ready fitted in the laboratory for general use.

to form in the  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution ; this is produced by the  $\text{AsH}_3$  evolved by the action of the H upon the  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  :—



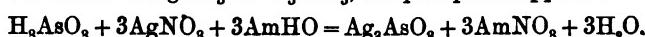
The  $\text{AsH}_3$  on passing into the  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution, reacts thus :—



Hence Ag is precipitated, and  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3$  remains in solution.

As soon as a copious precipitate has been obtained the test-tube is removed. It will be best to put by the test-tube with its contents to be examined afterwards as directed below, and whilst the gas is coming off to proceed at once to use it for reactions 182 and 183.

The liquid in the test-tube is filtered, the precipitate rejected, and several drops of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution are added to the clear filtrate. On mixing with this liquid drop by drop some very dilute AmHO (made by pouring several drops of AmHO solution into a test-tube, then nearly filling up with distilled water and shaking the tube) and stirring or shaking after each addition, a light yellow precipitate ( $\text{Ag}_3\text{AsO}_3$  or  $\text{Ag}_2\text{HAsO}_3$ ) will be obtained. The formation of this precipitate on addition of AmHO, is explained by the fact that  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3$  is in the solution in the presence of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and also of  $\text{HNO}_3$  (see last equation); now  $\text{AgNO}_3$  forms with  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3$  a yellow precipitate ( $\text{Ag}_3\text{AsO}_3$ ) if no free acid is present in the liquid (see reaction 187); hence on neutralising with AmHO the free  $\text{HNO}_3$  already present, and that which is formed by the action of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  on  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3$ , the precipitate appears :—



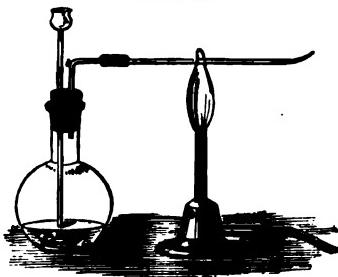
This precipitate is also readily soluble in AmHO ; hence great caution is requisite to use very dilute AmHO, and to add it gradually.

*Caution.*—Both flasks should be rinsed out each time after use, else some of the  $\text{AsH}_3$  may remain in it and be driven out in a future operation.

182. Disconnect the larger flask from the smaller, and slip into the india-rubber joint a tube of hard glass about four inches in length whose end is drawn out to a fine jet and supported on the ring of the retort-stand (fig. 34, p. 114); if the gas is

not coming off briskly pour in through the funnel-tube a little strong HCl and light the gas as it issues from the jet.\* The

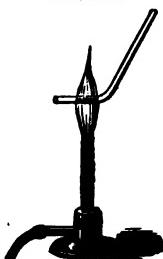
FIG. 34.



this some  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  solution, the stain is rapidly dissolved. Warm also a stain of As, obtained inside a porcelain dish, with  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , it will dissolve and on gentle evaporation will leave yellow  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ .

183. Add a little more strong HCl if necessary to cause the gas to come off rapidly, light it at the jet and heat a point

FIG. 35.



near the middle of the tube strongly (see fig. 34); a black mirror of As will form just beyond the part heated by the flame, and the flame burning at the jet will meanwhile become colourless, showing that the arsenic has been thus removed from the hydrogen. Heat another point in the tube so as to produce a second mirror; then divide the tube between the mirrors, and show by warming one portion when cold with some  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  solution in a test-tube, that the mirror is soluble in  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ; show that the other, when heated in the tube held obliquely

\* If the experiment is performed as here directed, the H will have been evolved for some time before being lighted, and there is no fear of an explosion occurring; but if the H is being produced for the first time, allow it to escape briskly for four or five minutes, and ascertain that a test-tube full of the gas burns quietly (see Exp. 8, p. 10) before adding the liquid to be tested for As and lighting the gas at the jet.

† If these appearances are not noticeable, pour a little more  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  solution into the flask through the funnel and mix by gentle shaking.

flame will differ from that of pure H by burning with a bluish tinge, and by giving off white fumes of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ .†

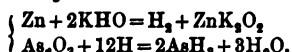
Press down upon the flame the inside of a porcelain crucible lid or of a porcelain crucible or dish, a dusky black film of As will be deposited upon the cool surface; pour upon

in the flame, or bent as shown in fig. 35, gives a sublimate of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ . Dissolve the sublimate when cool in a little hot water and confirm the presence of As by reactions 179 and 187.

*Note.*—Tests 182 and 183 were first suggested by *Marsh*: the former is usually known as *Marsh's test*.

183a.  $\text{AsH}_3$  produces a characteristic colour with  $\text{HgCl}_2$  solution. Remove the cork from the larger flask and place a stopper of cotton-wool in its neck to stop any spitting from the liquid in the flask, then cover the mouth of the flask with a small piece of filter-paper moistened with  $\text{HgCl}_2$  solution. The paper becomes coloured first *yellow* then *brown*.

184. If some pieces of Zn or Al be boiled in KHO solution, H-gas is evolved which is free from odour, but if a little  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  solution be now added and the liquid be again boiled, a garlic odour is evolved owing to the formation of  $\text{AsH}_3$  :—



If a small slip of filter-paper moistened with  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution and placed on the end of a glass rod,\* be held in the gas in the mouth of the tube whilst the liquid is being boiled, the paper will be stained black by the separation of Ag (see reaction 181).

This reaction does not succeed with arsenic compounds unless they are first reduced by boiling with HCl. It is not given by any Sb compounds (difference between As and Sb).

185. If some solid  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  or any As compound, be mixed with powdered  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{KCy}$  (or with  $\text{K}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ ) in a mortar, and a small quantity of the mixture, after having been dried for some time at a gentle heat on a watch-glass, be introduced into a little bulb-tube of hard glass (fig. 36) at least three inches in length; and if the substance be then heated, observing the precautions stated in the note under (147), a black mirror of

FIG. 36.



\* A simple method of getting a moistened piece of paper on the rod is to dip the rod into  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution; then gently press the paper slip upon it whilst the rod is wet.

As forms in the cooler part of the tube and frequently a smell of garlic may be detected at the mouth of the tube. If the bulb be cut off and the mirror be heated by holding the tube obliquely in the flame (fig. 35), the mirror is converted into a sublimate of  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  crystals.

186. *Blowpipe Reaction.*—A mixture of any solid As compound with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , if heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe-flame emits a smell of garlic, which is noticed if the charcoal is removed from the flame and smelt. The flame is coloured *livid blue*.

A little solid  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  heated in a small hard-glass tube closed at one end is readily “sublimed,” and the sublimate is seen under a microscope or a powerful lens to consist of octohedral crystals.

## B. DISTINCTIVE TESTS FOR ARSENIOUS AND ARSENIC COMPOUNDS.

Reagent.	Arsenious compound. Use $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ dissolved in HCl except for (187).	Arsenic compound. Use $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ dissolved in $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
187. $\text{AgNO}_3$ , several drops:  <i>Note.</i> —For this reaction $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$ dissolved in boiling water is to be employed, since HCl would yield a precipitate of $\text{AgCl}$ .	<i>Light-yellow precipitate.</i> ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{HAsO}_3$ or $\text{Ag}_2\text{AsO}_4$ ) This precipitate forms only on adding carefully, drop by drop, a little dilute AmHO. Show that it is dissolved by AmHO and by $\text{HNO}_3$ . It is also appreciably soluble in $\text{AmNO}_3$ : hence, if too much AmHO has been added, the precipitate does not always form on neutralizing with $\text{HNO}_3$ .	<i>Brown precipitate.</i> ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{AsO}_4$ ): show that it is soluble in AmHO and in $\text{HNO}_3$ .
188. $\text{CuSO}_4$ , several drops:	<i>Yellowish-green precipitate</i> ( $\text{Cu}^+\text{HAsO}_4$ ). This precipitate forms only on adding dilute AmHO carefully, drop by drop: + show that it is soluble in AmHO and in $\text{HNO}_3$ .	<i>Pale-green precipitate,</i> ( $\text{Cu}^+\text{HAsO}_4$ ): soluble in AmHO and in $\text{HNO}_3$ .
189. $\text{CuSO}_4$ , two drops: then KHO added.	The above yellowish-green precipitate is first produced, but on addition of more KHO this dissolves to a clear blue liquid which on being boiled deposits red $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ .	No clear blue solution is obtained, and no $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ produced on boiling the liquid.
190. $\text{AmCl}$ , $\text{AmHO}$ , and $\text{MgSO}_4$ .	No precipitate.	White crystalline precipitate ( $\text{MgAmAsO}_4$ ): if filtered off and moistened with $\text{AgNO}_3$ solution on the filter becomes brown.

\*  $\text{As}_2\text{O}_3$  when dissolved in water yields  $\text{H}_2\text{AsO}_3$  which cannot give with  $\text{AgNO}_3$  the  $\text{Ag}_2\text{AsO}_3$  precipitate because this decomposition would liberate  $\text{HNO}_3$  in which  $\text{Ag}_2\text{AsO}_3$  is soluble; hence the addition of AmHO is necessary to neutralise the free acid; but since the precipitate is also soluble in AmHO, the latter must be added carefully in only just sufficient quantity to neutralise the acid. This is best effected by using some very dilute AmHO made by pouring a few drops into a test-tube, filling the tube two-thirds with distilled water, then closing it with the thumb and inverting it for a moment. This dilute AmHO is to be added drop by drop, shaking or stirring the test solution after each addition until the precipitate is obtained.

+ The precipitate produced by  $\text{CuSO}_4$  is soluble in acids, hence the HCl present in the solution must be neutralised by careful addition of AmHO before the precipitate will appear.

**ANTIMONY (Sb).**—Use  $SbCl_3$ , or  $2(KSbOT).H_2O$  (“Tartar Emetic”), dissolved in dilute HCl.

*Note.*—Antimonic compounds give results ultimately identical with antimonious in the following eight reactions, except in (192). After these reactions, which are common to Sb in both its sets of compounds, are given two which are distinctive: they are, however, rarely used and may be neglected by the student.

**191.**  $H_2S$ : orange-red precipitate ( $Sb_2S_3$ ): pour into two tubes and show that the precipitate is dissolved when warmed with pure NaHO or with  $Am_2S$ , but is reprecipitated from these solutions on addition of HCl in excess.

**192.** If poured into much water,  $SbCl_3$  solution yields a white precipitate or turbidity ( $SbOCl$ ): this precipitate redissolves on adding HCl and warming, and is also readily soluble in  $H_2T$ ; in this latter respect it differs from the similarly formed  $BiOCl$  precipitate (156).

**193.** If a few drops of acid  $SbCl_3$  solution be poured upon a piece of platinum foil\* and a piece of Zn be dropped into it, a black deposit of Sb will rapidly form *on the foil*. If the foil be rinsed with water and then boiled with HCl the stain remains undissolved, but it is rapidly removed by boiling  $HNO_3$ .

#### TESTS DEPENDING ON THE FORMATION OF $SbH_3$ .

$SbH_3$  differs from  $AsH_3$  in not being poisonous, and in being free from smell.

**194.** If  $SbH_3$  gas, formed by the action of acid  $SbCl_3$  solution on Zn, is passed into  $AgNO_3$  solution in a precisely similar way to that described for  $AsH_3$  (181), a black precipitate forms ( $SbAg_3$ ):—



This precipitate is to be filtered off, and the filtrate, which will contain no Sb, rejected. Wash the precipitate four or five times with boiling water upon the filter: then pour

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\* A slip of platinum-foil laid in a watch-glass or porcelain dish, or with turned up edges, may be employed: the inverted lid of a platinum crucible is very convenient for this purpose.

upon it boiling dilute  $H_2\bar{T}$  solution, which will dissolve the Sb, and receive the liquid in a test-tube; boil it, and pour it once more upon the filter; add HCl to the liquid, filter if necessary, and pass  $H_2S$  into it, orange-red  $Sb_2S_3$  will be precipitated.

195. A stain produced by Sb on porcelain, in the manner described under (182), differs from the As stain in presenting a *dead* surface and in being insoluble in  $Na_2Cl_2O$ ; also when the stain is dissolved by warming with  $Am_2S$ , the solution if gently evaporated leaves *orange-red*  $Sb_2S_3$ .

196. The Sb mirror, obtained as described under (183), differs from the As mirror in being formed much nearer to the flame, and on both sides of the heated part of the tube; it may further be distinguished by the tests given under (195). This mirror, after oxidation, is also insoluble in boiling water: and if dissolved in a little boiling HCl the solution gives an orange-red precipitate ( $Sb_2S_3$ ) when  $H_2S$  is passed into it, whereas the  $As_2O_3$  solution gives yellow  $As_2S_3$ .

196a.  $SbH_3$  if allowed to act on filter-paper moistened with  $HgCl_2$  solution, as described under 183a for  $AsH_3$ , yields a *greyish-brown* stain.

197. Boiled with Zn or Al and KHO, no  $SbH_3$  is evolved. [Difference from As; see 184.]

198. If a little solid Sb compound, either  $KSbOT$  or  $Sb_2O_3$ , be mixed in a cavity on wood charcoal with  $Na_2CO_3$  and KCy, and the mixture be heated in the inner blowpipe flame, a white incrustation forms on the charcoal, and white globules of metallic Sb are obtained which are extremely brittle. The flame is coloured pale green. If the melted Sb be allowed to stand aside on the charcoal, the globule emits a white smoke, and coats itself with sharp white crystals of the oxide.

The two distinctive tests (199, 200) for antimonious and antimonic compounds given in the following Table are seldom used; they may be read through without trying the reactions, and may be referred to hereafter if required for analytical purposes.

**DISTINCTIVE TESTS FOR ANTIMONIOUS AND ANTIMONIC COMPOUNDS.**

Reagent.	Antimonious. (Use the above solution of SbCl <sub>3</sub> in dilute HCl.)	Antimonic. (Use K <sub>2</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> solution, obtained by boiling some "Potassium Metantimonate" with H <sub>2</sub> O.)
199. Add excess of KHO, then AgNO <sub>3</sub> solution.	A dark-coloured precipitate which when shaken after addition of AmHO leaves black Ag <sub>2</sub> O undissolved.	A brown precipitate, which dissolves entirely on addition of AmHO.
200. Add excess of HCl and warm; then pour in a little KI solution.	No iodine is set free; proved by the liquid not turning brown and giving no colour after being cooled and mixed with freshly-prepared starch solution.	Iodine is liberated, giving a brown colour to the liquid and yielding a deep blue colour when starch solution is added to the cold liquid.

**TIN (Sn).—Stannous and Stannic.**

**DISTINCTIVE REACTIONS FOR STANNOUS AND STANNIC COMPOUNDS.**

Test.	Stannous Compounds. Use SnCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O dissolved in dilute HCl.	Stannic Compounds. Use SnCl <sub>4</sub> in dilute HCl.
201. Pass H <sub>2</sub> S.	<i>Dark-brown precipitate</i> (SnS): pour off two portions and show that the precipitate is soluble in KHO and in <i>yellow</i> Am <sub>2</sub> S on heating; and is precipitated again by HCl, from the KHO solution as brown SnS, from the Am <sub>2</sub> S solution as yellow SnS <sub>2</sub> . SnS differs from SnS <sub>2</sub> in being insoluble in <i>colourless</i> Am <sub>2</sub> S, which readily dissolves SnS <sub>2</sub> .	<i>Yellow precipitate</i> (SnS <sub>2</sub> ): often forming only when the liquid is heated: pour off portions and show that the precipitate is soluble in Am <sub>2</sub> S (both <i>yellow</i> and colourless) and in KHO on heating, and is precipitated again by HCl as yellow SnS <sub>2</sub> from both solutions.
202. HgCl <sub>2</sub> .	<i>A white precipitate</i> (Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> ): turns grey on being boiled if the SnCl <sub>4</sub> is in excess, see (145).	—
203. AmCl <sub>3</sub> : added after a few drops of SnCl <sub>4</sub> solution or of Cl water.	<i>Purple or dark brown precipitate</i> ("Purple of Cassius").	—

*Reactions Common to Stannous and Stannic Compounds.*

**204.** Zn in presence of HCl precipitates from Sn solutions a spongy mass of Sn : the Zn and solution should be allowed to stand for some time in a small porcelain dish, the action is much hastened by gentle heat. If this test is done on platinum foil the Sn is deposited in a spongy state *on the Zn, and does not stain the Pt* (difference from Sb).  $\text{SnCl}_4$  is not so readily acted upon by Zn as  $\text{SnCl}_2$  is ; from  $\text{SnCl}_2$  the Sn is often precipitated in beautiful crystals.

**205.** A solid Sn-compound,  $\text{SnCl}_3$  or  $\text{SnO}_2$ , mixed with powdered  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and KCy and heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame gives a slight white incrustation and white particles of metallic Sn which are with difficulty fused into globules. The globules of Sn differ from those of Pb by not marking paper, see (153).

## 206. GROUP II. B.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

The following tests answer for these elements in both sets of compounds : for distinctive tests see the preceding reactions.

Tests.	As.	Sb.	Sn.
<i>a. For liquids.</i>			
1. Pass $H_2S$ into the solution acidified with $HCl$ and heat; if no precipitate forms heat to boiling, and again pass $H_2S$ .	Yellow precipitate, insoluble in boiling strong $HCl$ .	Orange-red precipitate, soluble in boiling strong $HCl$ .	$\begin{cases} SnS - \text{Brown precipitate.} \\ SnS_2 - \text{Yellow precipitate.} \end{cases}$ Both soluble in boiling strong $HCl$ .
2. Zn and $HCl$ .	$AsH_3$ gas is evolved, which if passed into $AgNO_3$ solution gives a black precipitate of $Ag_3AsO_3$ being left in solution; on adding dilute $AmHO$ to this solution, yellow $Ag_3AsO_3$ precipitates.	$SnH_3$ gas is evolved, which if passed into $AgNO_3$ solution gives a precipitate of $Ag_3Sb$ , from which hot $H_2T$ solution dissolves Sb; $H_2S$ given in this solution, after adding $HCl$ , orange-red $Sn_2S_2$ .	Sn is deposited on the Zn strips.
3. Zn and $HCl$ on platinum.	$AsH_3$ evolved, no stain on the platinum.	Black stain of Sb on the platinum.	Sn deposited on the zinc, no stain on the platinum.
<i>b. For solids.</i>			
4. Heated with $Na_2CO_3$ and $KCy$ on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	No metallic globules; smell of garlic.	Brittle metallic globules, white incrustation.	Malleable metallic globules, white incrustation.
5. Heated with solid $Na_2CO_3$ and $KCy$ in a bulb tube.	Black mirror and smell of garlic.	—	—

The detection of any one member of this group is simple ; the colour of the precipitate with  $H_2S$ , confirmed by special tests, is quite sufficient to identify it with ease.

207. (s) *Many methods have been proposed for the separation and detection of As, Sb, and Sn, when mixed ; two of*

the most trustworthy are those introduced by *Hofmann* (208) and by *Fresenius* (210); a method more simple, though less trustworthy, is given in (209).

**208.** (s) *Hofmann's* method consists in pouring the solution into a flask, in which H is being generated by the action of HCl upon Zn; Sn remains as a spongy mass on the Zn, As and Sb are evolved as  $\text{AsH}_3$  and  $\text{SbH}_3$ ; these gases, if passed into  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution, yield soluble  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_3$  and insoluble  $\text{Ag}_3\text{Sb}$ , which are separated by filtration; the three members of this group thus separated are then detected by special tests.

As, Sb, Sn, occurring together in a solution, are tested for by precipitating them with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , filtering, and testing the filtrate by passing  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  through it as was directed for precipitating Group II. A. The precipitate is then examined by Table II. (435 B, Arsenic Group), using only the right hand side of the Table.

The  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  precipitate may also be examined by the simpler method given in (209), or by the very accurate, but less simple, method in (210).

**209.** (s) The following method of examining a precipitate, produced by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , for As, Sb, Sn is recommended by its comparative simplicity; it is sufficiently accurate for ordinary analyses where traces of these metals have not to be looked for. It depends upon the insolubility of  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$  in hot strong HCl, in which  $\text{SnS}$ ,  $\text{SnS}_2$ , and  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$  are soluble; and the further separation of Sb and Sn is effected either by adding Zn alone to the acid solution, when Sb is evolved as  $\text{SbH}_3$  and Sn is deposited upon the Zn, or by adding Zn and Pt, when Sn is deposited on the Zn and Sb on the Pt.

The precipitate produced by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is filtered and allowed to drain for some time upon the filter in the funnel; it is best to drain it still further by carefully taking the filter out of the funnel, opening it out, and spreading it upon a piece of filter-paper folded several times upon itself; the precipitate is then removed to a small porcelain dish and heated for some time nearly to boiling with strong fuming HCl; the liquid is cooled and filtered:—

The *Residue* will consist chiefly of  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ , which is almost insoluble in strong HCl.

Dry the washed residue on the filter at a gentle heat, then mix it with three or four times as much powdered KCy and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and heat the mixture in a small bulb-tube, removing any drops of water inside the tube by a twisted piece of filter-paper; a black mirror (185):—

*Presence of As.*

*Note.*—The  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$  may also be dissolved by heating with a little fuming  $\text{HNO}_3$ , boiling off excess of  $\text{HNO}_3$  and detecting the As as  $\text{H}_3\text{AsO}_4$  by adding AmCl, excess of AmHO and  $\text{MgSO}_4$ ; or by addition of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , and then cautiously neutralising with AmHO.

The *Filtrate* may be examined for Sb and Sn by either I. or II. below:—

I. Place a piece of platinum-foil in a porcelain dish and pour the acid filtrate upon it, then touch the foil with a piece of Zn; H will come off with effervescence, and if either at once or after a few minutes a black stain appears upon the platinum the *Presence of Sb* is indicated.\*

The platinum-foil is removed and pieces of Zn placed into the liquid: as soon as the bubbles of H cease to be given off, Zn still remaining undissolved, remove the pieces of Zn, rubbing and rinsing any dark deposit back into the dish; let this deposit settle, decant the liquid and heat the solid deposit with strong HCl for several minutes in a test-tube, dilute with a little water, filter if necessary, and add to the solution a few drops of  $\text{HgCl}_2$  solution. A white or grey precipitate (204, 202) indicates the *Presence of Sn*.

II. The acid filtrate is poured into a little hydrogen flask (fig. 84, p. 114), in which H has been coming off briskly for about five minutes, being produced by the action of a little strong HCl upon some pieces of Zn. The H is lighted at the jet, and the inside of a small porcelain dish or crucible lid pressed down upon the flame: a black stain not dissolved by hot  $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  solution shows the *Presence of Sb*.

The residue in the flask is tested for Sn, as directed in the latter part of I. (above).

### 210. (s) The following method of detecting As, Sb, Sn, described by Fresenius, is very delicate and trustworthy.

It depends upon the fact that fusion with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{NaNO}_3$  converts  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$  into soluble  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$ ,  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$  into insoluble  $\text{Na}_2\text{H}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_7$ , and  $\text{SnS}_2$  into insoluble Sn or  $\text{SnO}_2$ .

The precipitated sulphides are dried on the filter, and the precipitate† mixed well on a watch-glass or in an agate-

\* The Sb thus deposited on the Pt may, after rinsing the foil, be dissolved by heating the Pt in a test-tube with a little very dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ ; on cooling, diluting, and passing  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , an orange-red precipitate will form, confirming the *Presence of Sb*.

† If the quantity of the precipitate is very small, the part of the paper

mortar with equal weights of powdered  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{NaNO}_3$ ; this powder is dropped in small quantities at a time into some  $\text{NaNO}_3$  kept melted in a small porcelain crucible over a Bunsen flame. When the powder has all been added, the crucible is heated sufficiently to keep the substance melted for a few minutes, and the melted mass is then poured into a small dry porcelain dish; as soon as the substance has cooled, cold water is poured upon it in the dish and also upon the residue adhering to the inside of the crucible, and the solid substance is allowed to soak for some time with occasional stirring, crushing it by pressure with a pestle if it does not easily fall to pieces; it is then filtered:—

The *Residue* is washed on the filter with a mixture of equal measures of water and alcohol: the precipitate is then rinsed into a small porcelain dish, using as little water as possible; a few drops of strong HCl are added and the dish is heated. Whether the residue has dissolved or not, place in the liquid a piece of clean platinum foil, and upon the foil a piece of pure Zn. If a black stain forms after a time upon the platinum, it proves the *Presence of Sb.*\* When the Zn ceases to be acted upon, Sn if present will remain as a spongy deposit. This is to be washed by decantation, dissolved by boiling with HCl in a test-tube, and  $\text{HgCl}_2$  added immediately to the solution; a white precipitate (202) shows the *Presence of Sn.*  
Test 203 may be substituted for 202.

*Filtrate:*  $\text{HNO}_3$  is added until the solution is just acid after being boiled, then  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution is poured in as long as it causes any precipitate, and very dilute AmHO is added little by little;† a brown precipitate readily dissolving in excess of AmHO shows the *Presence of As.*

#### GROUP I.—SILVER GROUP.

**211.** This group includes Pb, Ag, Hg' (Mercurosum); its members differ from those of all the other analytical groups by being precipitated as chlorides by HCl: since, however,

containing the precipitate is cut up into small pieces and treated as the precipitate.

\* See the first foot-note on p. 124.

† Instead of mixing the dilute AmHO with the liquid, it may be carefully poured upon the top of it; a brown colour is then seen at the surface of contact.

$\text{PbCl}_2$  is rather soluble in water, Pb is not entirely precipitated by HCl, and is usually found also in Group II. A. as  $\text{PbS}$ .

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LEAD (Pb).—Reactions already given in Group II. A. (149—153).

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SILVER (Ag).—Use  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution.

212. *HCl*: white precipitate ( $\text{AgCl}$ ), becomes curdy on being shaken or heated: pour off into four tubes; filter one, wash the precipitate and let it stand for some time exposed to sunlight or common daylight, it will become blackish-purple; show with the other portions that  $\text{AgCl}$  dissolves readily when heated with *AmHO* or with *KCy* solution, and is precipitated again from these solutions on adding  $\text{HNO}_3$  in excess; also that it is insoluble in  $\text{HNO}_3$  even on boiling.

213.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (or  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ ): black precipitate ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$ ): insoluble in  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  or  $\text{KHO}$ ; soluble in boiling dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

214. *KHO*: brown precipitate ( $\text{AgHO}$ ): insoluble in excess.

215. *AmHO*: light-coloured precipitate, produced only when *very dilute AmHO* is added drop by drop; easily soluble in excess.

216. A mixture of a solid Ag-compound and powdered  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  heated on charcoal, gives white malleable globules or scales of Ag and no incrustation.

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MERCUROSUM ( $\text{Hg}'$ ).—Use  $\text{Hg}'_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  dissolved in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

*Note*.—Reactions 145, 146, 147, and 148 given under mercuricium ( $\text{Hg}''$ ) yield precisely similar results with Mercurosum ( $\text{Hg}'$ ) and may be repeated with the  $\text{Hg}'_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution.

In reaction 146 however it is unnecessary to add acid since the  $\text{Hg}'_2(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution is already acid.

217. *HCl*: a white precipitate ( $\text{Hg}'_2\text{Cl}_2$ ): insoluble in dilute acids unless warmed with both HCl and  $\text{HNO}_3$ , which convert it into soluble  $\text{Hg}''\text{Cl}_2$ : becomes black when *AmHO* is poured upon it, but does not dissolve.

**218.** *AmHO* (or *KHO*) : black precipitate, insoluble in excess.

**219.**  $Hg_2S$ : black precipitate ( $Hg'_2S$ ): this precipitate like  $Hg_2S$  (144) is insoluble in  $Am_2S$ , in hot strong HCl, and in hot strong  $HNO_3$ , but is easily dissolved when heated with a mixture of  $HNO_3$  and HCl.

**220.** GROUP I.—TABLE OF DIFFERENCES.

Test.	Pb.	Ag.	$Hg'$ .
<i>a. For liquids.</i>			
1. Add HCl.	White precipitate: soluble in boiling water; <i>AmHO</i> neither dissolves the precipitate nor changes its colour.	White curdy precipitate: insoluble in boiling water, easily soluble in warm <i>AmHO</i> , reprecipitated from this solution by adding $HNO_3$ in excess.	White precipitate: insoluble in boiling water, and insoluble in <i>AmHO</i> , but blackened by it.
2. Add <i>AmHO</i> .	White precipitate: insoluble in excess.	Brown precipitate: readily soluble in excess.	Black precipitate: insoluble in excess.
3. Add $K_2CrO_4$ .	Bright yellow precipitate.	Chocolate-red precipitate.	Scarlet-red precipitate.
<i>b. For solids.</i>			
4. Fused with $Na_2CO_3$ on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	White malleable globules of metal which mark paper; yellow incrustation on the charcoal.	White malleable globules or scales which do not mark paper; no incrustation.	No metallic globules.
5. Heated in a bulb-tube, mixed with $Na_2CO_3$ .	—	—	Grey sublimate, consisting of globules of metallic mercury.

By the above differences any one member of this group is readily distinguished.

**221. (s)** *The separation and detection of Pb, Ag, and  $Hg'$ , when mixed, depend upon:*

1st. The solubility of  $PbCl_2$  in boiling water, in which  $AgCl$  and  $Hg'_2Cl_2$  are insoluble.

2nd. The solubility of  $AgCl$  in *AmHO*, in which  $Hg'_2Cl_2$  is insoluble.

The presence of each member, when thus separated is then confirmed by one of its special tests.

**222.** (s) A solution which may contain Pb, Ag, Hg' is examined by first precipitating by HCl added in excess, then filtering and adding more HCl to the clear filtrate to ascertain that no further precipitate is produced. The precipitate is then examined by Table I. (433.)

The foregoing reactions only include the metals of common occurrence. For information concerning the detection and separation of the rarer metals, which will only be required by a somewhat advanced student, the appendix or larger analytical treatises must be consulted. The metals gold and platinum, however, are briefly noticed here on account of their frequent employment for chemical and other purposes. These metals are dissolved only by a mixture of HCl and HNO<sub>3</sub>: their most important reactions are given below.

**GOLD (Au).**—Use AuCl<sub>4</sub> solution.

Gold solutions are usually bright yellow in colour.

**223.** SnCl<sub>4</sub> containing a little SnCl<sub>4</sub>: purple or dark-brown precipitate ("Purple of Cassius"), best seen by performing the experiment in a white porcelain dish.

**224.** FeSO<sub>4</sub> produces either at once, or on heating the solution, a very finely-divided precipitate of Au: the liquid usually appears bluish by transmitted light; always copper-red by reflected light :

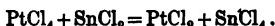


**224a.** H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> produces on boiling a similar precipitate of Au: by boiling the liquid for some time in a porcelain dish, the Au settles in small black masses and the solution loses its colour.

**PLATINUM (Pt).**—Use PtCl<sub>4</sub> solution.

**225.** AmCl added to a strong solution produces on standing for some time, or more quickly on being stirred or evaporated, a yellow precipitate (Am<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>6</sub>): rather soluble in hot water.

**226.** SnCl<sub>4</sub> gives a reddish-brown colour in the solution acidified with HCl, owing to the formation of PtCl<sub>4</sub>:



The method of separating and detecting Au and Pt is fully stated in paragraphs 472—474.

*\*\* Note.*—Before commencing the reactions for acids the student may with advantage analyse several substances which are liable to contain any one or more of the members of the metallic groups. If only *one* metal has to be looked for (see column 1, paragraph 539), the directions given in paragraphs 380—369 may be followed, omitting those portions which relate to the detection of acid-radicles. If two or more metals may be present (see columns 2, 3, paragraph 539), full directions for ascertaining to which analytical group or groups they belong will be found in the General Table (419); and the group precipitate or precipitates thus obtained may be then examined by the Group Tables (433—439), with which the student will probably already be familiar.

### REACTIONS FOR ACID-RADICLES.

In the course of analysis acid-radicles are usually detected by special tests: they cannot advantageously be precipitated in groups and the members of each group then separated and identified, as is done in the case of metals. Accordingly the arrangement here adopted consists in simply placing together in a group such acid-radicles as in some respects resemble one another in their reactions, and at the end of each group stating upon what differences the detection of its members when occurring together depends.

The reactions for acid-radicles are worked through in a manner similar to that employed for the reactions of the metals,—a compound containing the radicle (usually a salt) being employed. At the end of each group the student may with advantage detect one or more of its members as was done with the metals.

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### GROUP I.—SULPHATE GROUP.

The sulphates are the only commonly occurring salts which give with  $\text{BaCl}_2$  a precipitate insoluble in boiling HCl. Hydrofluosilicates resemble sulphates in this respect, but differ in so many other reactions that they are considered hereafter (299—302) in connection with fluorides and silicates, to which they are more closely related.

SULPHATES (—"SO<sub>4</sub>).—Use Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.10H<sub>2</sub>O.

**227.** BaCl<sub>2</sub> [or Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]: white precipitate (BaSO<sub>4</sub>), insoluble when boiled with HCl or HNO<sub>3</sub>.

*Note.*—If BaCl<sub>2</sub> or Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> be added to a solution containing much strong HCl or HNO<sub>3</sub>, a white precipitate may be produced consisting of BaCl<sub>2</sub> or Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, which, however, is readily distinguished from the precipitate of BaSO<sub>4</sub> by being dissolved when boiled with water.

Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and Pb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> give also white precipitates (SrSO<sub>4</sub> and PbSO<sub>4</sub>).

**228.** *Blowpipe Test.*—Solid Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or any solid sulphate, if mixed with solid Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>\* and fused on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame *produced from a spirit-flame*, yields Na<sub>2</sub>S:



The Na<sub>2</sub>S is readily detected by detaching the solid mass, after it has cooled, from the charcoal with the point of a knife; placing a portion of it upon a bright silver coin, then moistening it with a drop of water and crushing it by pressure with a knife-blade. After the moistened mass has remained upon the coin for a short time rinse it off, a black stain will then be seen upon the silver where the substance had rested.

Another portion of the cool mass may be moistened with a drop of HCl, when the fetid smell of H<sub>2</sub>S will be observed, and a piece of paper moistened with PbA<sub>2</sub> solution and held above it, will be blackened (230).

*Note.*—This test for a sulphate is reliable only when it is known that sulphur in no other form is present in the substance to be tested; it is also necessary that no sulphur should be introduced in the Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, or by the flame. Now coal-gas sometimes contains sufficient sulphur to give the above reaction with pure Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, hence it is always advisable to employ a spirit- rather than a gas-flame.

*Hydrogen sulphate*, or *sulphuric acid* (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>), may be detected by producing black charred stains on paper which has been dipped into it and dried by heat: it also has a strong acid reaction to litmus, and evolves hydrogen with Zn, properties shown by some metallic and acid sulphates.

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\* Addition of Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> is useful in preventing the fused mixture from sinking into the charcoal.

## GROUP II.—THE CARBONATE GROUP.

The five following classes of salts give off characteristic gases when acted upon by HCl.

\* \* \* The systematic Tables of Differences, such as are given for each group of the metals, are not drawn out for the acid-radicle groups ; the student should have no difficulty in constructing such tables for himself, either mentally or on paper, by looking through the reactions.

CARBONATES (—"CO<sub>3</sub>).—Use Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, or white marble (CaCO<sub>3</sub>).

**229.** *HCl* or *H*Ā or almost any other acid, if poured upon some Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in a test-tube, causes carbon-dioxide gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) to come off with effervescence. This gas is recognised by its property of turning lime- or baryta-water milky by the production in them of insoluble CaCO<sub>3</sub> or BaCO<sub>3</sub>.

The test may be tried in several ways :—

1. The acid is poured upon the carbonate in a test-tube. A glass rod which has been dipped into some perfectly clear lime-water\* and has a small drop adhering to its end is then introduced into the test tube, carefully avoiding touching the liquid or the sides of the tube ; the drop will quickly become milky.

2. The acid is poured upon the Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in a small beaker, and this is immediately covered with a watch-glass placed with its convex face downwards, having a drop of clear lime-water adhering to the middle of the face : the drop becomes milky.

3. Since CO<sub>2</sub> gas is much heavier than air, on adding acid the gas evolved from the carbonate will remain in the test-tube if the tube is held erect and its mouth loosely closed with the thumb : by gradually sloping the tube the heavy gas is poured into another test-tube containing lime-water without allowing any liquid to flow out, on closing this tube with the thumb and well shaking it the lime-water will

\* Baryta-water gives a much more decided result than lime-water.

become milky. Or if the inside of the tube has been rinsed with lime-water the sides become white.

FIG. 37.

4. The  $\text{CO}_2$  if it is given off in considerable quantity, may also be made to pass into some lime-water through a doubly bent tube fitted air-tight by a perforated cork or india-rubber stopper into the tube in which the  $\text{CO}_2$  is generated, as shown in the fig. 37 ; or the apparatus shown in fig. 38 may be employed.

Fig. 37. FIG. 38. Of the above methods 1 and 3 are the most simple ; by method 4 the  $\text{CO}_2$  is not found unless given off in somewhat large quantity.

*Note.*—The following precautions must be attended to. Since the milkiness at first caused by  $\text{CO}_2$  disappears gradually when more  $\text{CO}_2$  is absorbed, if the lime-water does not at once become milky, it must be constantly watched to avoid the risk of its becoming milky and again clear before being seen.

Also if the addition of the first few drops of acid does not cause an effervescence of  $\text{CO}_2$  more acid should be added, as many carbonates retain the first portions of  $\text{CO}_2$  by forming acid carbonates :—



A solid substance which is being tested by HCl for  $\text{CO}_2$  should be first moistened so as to drive out the air-bubbles entangled in it, which, in coming off, might make one suspect effervescence of  $\text{CO}_2$ .

*Hydrogen carbonate*, or *carbonic acid* ( $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ ), can only exist in dilute aqueous solution ; addition of lime-water to its solution causes milkiness ; but, since other substances in solution behave in a similar way, it is best found by boiling the liquid and passing the steam with the  $\text{CO}_2$  which accompanies it into lime-water ; the lime-water becomes milky.

SULPHIDES (—“S).—Use FeS for solid, and  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  for liquid.

230. *HCl* (or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) poured upon a small fragment of FeS causes  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  gas to come off with effervescence : this gas is detected by its fetid smell, resembling that of rotten eggs,

and by its property of blackening  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution by the formation of  $PbS$ . The gas may be made to act upon the  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution by the methods given for  $CO_2$  (229), or better by placing a piece of filter-paper moistened with  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution on the end of a glass rod so that one-half of the slip adheres to the glass rod and the other hangs free, and holding the rod in the gas as in the test for  $CO_2$  (229, 1).

*Note.*—This test is made much more delicate if the paper is moistened with a solution prepared by adding KHO to boiling  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution until the precipitate first formed dissolves: a test-paper thus prepared becomes intensely blackened by  $H_2S$ .

**231.** Solutions of soluble sulphides if dropped upon a bright silver coin produce a black stain ( $Ag_2S$ ); this may be removed by rubbing the coin with moist lime.

**232.** Insoluble sulphides which give off  $H_2S$  with HCl (e.g.  $FeS$ ) produce a black stain when placed on a silver coin and moistened with a drop of HCl.

**233.**  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution gives with soluble sulphides a black precipitate ( $PbS$ ). The solution produced by adding KHO in excess to  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -solution is more delicate than  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ -alone.

**234.** Many sulphides (e.g.  $FeS_2$ , "Iron Pyrites") and also free S, if strongly heated in a tube open at both ends and held obliquely in the flame, or in the tube shown in fig. 35 (p. 114), give off  $SO_2$  gas, recognised by its pungent smell and by turning paper moistened with  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  green.

**235.** Reaction (306) given under HCy may be employed also as a very delicate test for soluble sulphides. Test (228) for a sulphate, also answers for a sulphide.

*Hydrogen sulphide*, or *hydrosulphuric acid* ( $H_2S$ ), in aqueous solution is easily recognised by (231) or (233), and, unless the solution is very dilute, also by its smell, and, by suspending lead-paper over the liquid:  $H_2S$  gas is detected by (230).

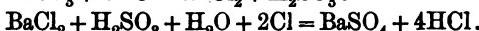
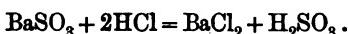
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SULPHITES (— $SO_3$ ).—Use  $Na_2SO_3$ .

**236.** *HCl* (or  $H_2SO_4$ ) poured upon  $Na_2SO_3$  and warmed gives off  $SO_2$  gas, known by its pungent smell and by turning  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution green: the  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution may be

exposed to the gas by the methods described under (229), preferably by introducing a glass rod with a drop hanging upon its end into the gas; or by moistening a small strip of filter-paper with the  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution and making it adhere by one-half of its length to the rod (230), the other half hanging freely, and introducing it into the gas as in (229, 1).

**237.**  $BaCl_2$ : white precipitate ( $BaSO_3$ ): entirely soluble in HCl, unless some  $Na_2SO_4$  is present, when  $BaSO_4$  remains undissolved: on adding Cl- or Br-water to the HCl solution,  $BaSO_4$  is formed and precipitated.



**238.**  $Na_2SO_3$  added to a mixture of *HCl* and *Zn* which is giving off pure H, immediately causes an evolution of  $H_2S$  with the H: the  $H_2S$  is detected by its smell or by blackening a piece of filter paper moistened with solution of PbO in excess of KHO, see note (230).

*Hydrogen sulphite*, or *sulphurous acid* ( $H_2SO_3$ ), can be found in aqueous solution by adding a drop of  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution, which will at once become green:  $SO_2$  gas is found as directed under (236).

**THEIOSULPHATES\*** (= " $S_2O_3$ ").—Use  $Na_2S_2O_3 \cdot 5H_2O$ .

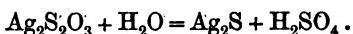
**239.** *HCl* (or  $H_2SO_4$ ) causes no immediate change in the cold, but the liquid on standing or on being warmed deposits a precipitate of yellow S, and  $SO_2$  is given off; the  $SO_2$  is recognised by its pungent smell and by changing the colour of  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  solution (236).

**240.**  $Fe_2Cl_6$ : gives a reddish-violet colour which vanishes after a short time or immediately when heated, the  $Fe_2Cl_6$  solution at the same time loses its yellow colour owing to the change of  $Fe_2Cl_6$  into  $FeCl_3$ .

**240 a.**  $AgNO_3$ ; a white precipitate ( $Ag_2S_2O_3$ ), becoming

\* Formerly known as Hyposulphites.

black after standing for a short time, or immediately upon being heated, owing to the formation of  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$  :—



The above precipitate ( $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ ) dissolves very readily in excess of the  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  solution, hence it is most easily obtained by dropping the latter into some  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution.

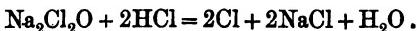
*Hydrogen theiosulphate*, or *theiosulphuric acid* ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ ), is extremely unstable, rapidly separating into  $\text{S} + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ .

**HYPHOCHLORITES** (—'ClO).—Use  $\text{NaClO} \cdot \text{NaCl}$  ( $\text{Na}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$ ), solution.

Hypochlorites give off a faint smell of Cl in the air if solid or in strong solution.

**241.** *HCl* (or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  or even  $\text{H}_2\bar{O}$ ) in the cold, or when gently warmed if much water is present, sets free Cl-gas, which may be recognised by its smell, its yellowish colour, and by bleaching a piece of moistened litmus-paper, which is held for a short time in the tube without touching the liquid or the sides of the tube.

A piece of litmus shaken up with the solution, without addition of acid, is also bleached, the CO<sub>2</sub> in the air probably liberating the Cl: on addition of a drop of any acid the bleaching is very rapid :



**242.**  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (or  $\text{Pb}\bar{A}_2$ ) solution added in large quantity gives a white precipitate, becoming reddish, and then dark brown ( $\text{PbO}_2$ ) when boiled for a short time.

$\text{MnCl}_2$  likewise gives a *dark brown* precipitate on heating.

*Hydrogen hypochlorite*, or *hypochlorous acid* (HClO), is a yellow liquid with sweetish smell, which if strong is very unstable: it bleaches litmus, and evolves Cl when warmed with HCl. Cl<sub>2</sub>O gas is of a deep yellowish-green colour, and has an irritating smell, it dissolves easily in water to form the above acid.

NITRITES ( $\approx \text{NO}_2$ ).—Use  $\text{KNO}_2$ .

**243.** Warmed with dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , reddish-brown “nitrous” fumes with a characteristic smell, are given off; they are best seen by looking down the tube at some white object.

**244.** If cold  $\text{FeSO}_4$  solution be added to  $\text{KNO}_2$  solution, it becomes brown; on adding cold dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  the colour becomes much more intense: it is produced by the combination of NO with  $\text{FeSO}_4$ . This colour is destroyed by boiling, red fumes being given off (243).

**245.** If solution of KI and several drops of starch solution (made by boiling starch in water, and cooling it) be added to  $\text{KNO}_2$  solution and the liquid be then made acid with  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , an intense blue colour will be produced, owing to the combination of iodine (set free by the  $\text{HNO}_3$ ) with the starch: the experiment is best done in a white procelain dish, the liquid, which often appears black at first, being diluted if necessary till its blue colour becomes visible. This is a most delicate test, and is rather characteristic if the colour is not produced till the  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  is added.

*Hydrogen nitrite, or nitrous acid ( $\text{HNO}_2$ ), is extremely unstable, decomposing into  $\text{HNO}_3$  and NO.*

\* \* \* The student will have no difficulty in detecting any one of the above acid-radicals occurring singly in a liquid or solid: warming with HCl will usually indicate which of them is present, and its presence may then be confirmed by a second test chosen from amongst its reactions as stated above.

**246. (s.)** Most of the acids formed by the salts of Group II. on addition of HCl, react upon one another; e.g.  $\text{HClO}$  destroys  $\text{HNO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  destroys  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ . The analyst may often by skilful use of the above reactions detect these acids when mixed, but their detection in certain mixtures is a problem only soluble by careful consideration, and not unfrequently insoluble.

$\text{SO}_2$ , if evolved, may be detected by  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  paper:  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  by  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$  paper: Cl by bleaching moist litmus-paper:  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  by its red colour. But  $\text{CO}_2$  can only be detected in presence of much  $\text{SO}_2$  by passing the gases through  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  solution which absorbs  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}_2$  passing on and being detected by lime-water.

## GROUP III.—NITRATE GROUP.

The two classes of salts which follow resemble one another in many respects, more particularly in no member of them being insoluble in water; hence no method of precipitating them is known.

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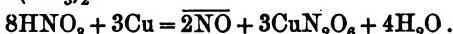
NITRATES (-'NO<sub>3</sub>).—Use KNO<sub>3</sub>.

**247.** Add to some KNO<sub>3</sub> solution contained in a rather broad test-tube about an equal bulk of strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; cool the liquid by letting a stream of cold water run upon the tube from the tap; then hold the tube in a slanting position, and pour some strong cold FeSO<sub>4</sub> solution in a gentle stream down the inside of the tube. If this solution is poured in with proper care it will form a distinct layer resting on the surface of the acid liquid, and at the surface of contact of the two layers a *dark-brown* film or ring will appear, sometimes extending upwards towards the surface of the liquid. The colour is most easily seen by holding a piece of filter-paper between the tube and a bright flame or window, and looking through the tube at the light. A mere *yellow* colour is often produced in the absence of a nitrate and may be disregarded.

The test is made more delicate by letting the tube stand in a small beaker of cold water for a few minutes, since heat prevents or destroys the brown colour. If much nitric acid is present, on mixing the acid and FeSO<sub>4</sub> solution by shaking, the brown colour extends upwards, until by the heat evolved by dilution of the acid the NO is expelled forming brown fumes in the test-tube, and the liquid loses its dark brown colour (244).

**248.** Place some small scraps of Cu in some KNO<sub>3</sub> solution, and add strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; reddish nitrous fumes appear at once or on warming the tube: they are best seen, if small in quantity, by looking down the tube at a white surface.

The liquid at the same time becomes blue from the presence in it of  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ :



$\text{NO}$  is itself a colourless gas, but yields on mixture with air  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  which are reddish-brown.

**249.** If some cold dilute indigo-solution be poured into cold  $\text{KNO}_3$  solution until it is decidedly blue, and then  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  be added, the blue colour remains unchanged. (Difference from chlorates).

**250.** If any solid nitrate be fused for some time at a red heat with fusion mixture on platinum foil, oxygen gas is given off slowly with effervescence\* and  $\text{KNO}_2$  is formed; if the foil after cooling be boiled in water, a portion of the solution may be proved to contain  $\text{KNO}_2$  by the test in paragraph (245); another portion, if acidified with  $\text{HNO}_3$ , will be found to give no precipitate with  $\text{AgNO}_3$ . (Difference from chlorates).

A solution of a nitrate may also be reduced to nitrite by nascent H. Add to a little  $\text{KNO}_3$  solution some dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  and starch paste with KI, no colour will be produced, but on dropping in a fragment of Zn a deep blue colour is seen (245).

**251.** Solid  $\text{KNO}_3$  fused on charcoal in the blowpipe flame "deflagrates," that is to say the surface of the charcoal burns rapidly like gunpowder.

*Note.*—Many metallic nitrates [*e.g.*  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ ] when heated in a glass tube closed at one end, evolve reddish-brown fumes with a characteristic smell ( $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$ ) and oxygen— $\text{PbN}_2\text{O}_6 = \text{N}_2\text{O}_4 + \text{O} + \text{PbO}$ . The fumes are recognised by their colour and smell, the O by its inflaming a glowing splinter of wood.

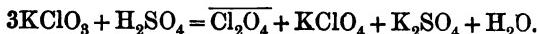
*Hydrogen nitrate*, or *nitric acid* ( $\text{HNO}_3$ ), has a strong acid reaction, it gives with  $\text{FeSO}_4$  solution a brown ring (247), and with Cu brown fumes (248) without addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Evaporated with quill-clippings, it stains them bright yellow.

\* If this experiment is performed in a small hard glass tube as described in 254, the oxygen can rarely be detected since it is evolved very slowly: hence the student may perform the ignition on platinum foil and neglect to test for O.

CHLORATES (-'ClO<sub>3</sub>).—Use KClO<sub>3</sub>.

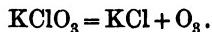
**252.** If to a *cold* solution of KClO<sub>3</sub> some cold dilute indigo solution be added drop by drop till the liquid is coloured faintly but distinctly blue, then some H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> or NaHSO<sub>3</sub> be poured in and the mixture shaken, the blue colour of the indigo is at once destroyed. (Difference from nitrates).

**253.** Strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> poured upon a little solid KClO<sub>3</sub> becomes orange-red in colour, and evolves when shaken a bright yellow gas (Cl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>) :—



This gas has a smell somewhat resembling that of chlorine; it explodes readily when gently heated, hence on warming the mixture in the tube crackling sounds or small explosions will be produced. This experiment may be dangerous, unless the KClO<sub>3</sub> is used in very small quantity and heated gently with the mouth of the test-tube turned away from the operator.

**254.** AgNO<sub>3</sub> produces no precipitate with KClO<sub>3</sub> solution if it is free from KCl. But if some solid KClO<sub>3</sub>\* be heated in a test-tube or better in a small ignition tube (10), after melting it begins to give off oxygen with effervescence ; this gas may be recognised by placing in the tube a slip of wood with a spark at its end, which is easily obtained by kindling a match and suddenly blowing out the flame, the spark is caused to burst into a flame. If the tube is then allowed to cool and the residue dissolved by boiling with some water ; a portion of the solution will be found to give no reaction for HNO<sub>3</sub> (245); but another portion will give a white precipitate (AgCl) with AgNO<sub>3</sub>, which does not dissolve in HNO<sub>3</sub> even on boiling, but is easily soluble in AmHO (difference from HNO<sub>3</sub>) : this precipitate is caused by KCl :—




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\* If the chlorate used for this test is not an alkaline chlorate, fusion mixture must be mixed with it before heating, in order to obtain a soluble chloride in the residue.

**255. Blowpipe Test.**— $\text{KClO}_3$  if heated on charcoal in the blowpipe flame, causes the charcoal to “deflagrate.”

*Hydrogen chlorate*, or *chloric acid* ( $\text{HClO}_3$ ), is a colourless, odourless liquid, which first reddens and then bleaches litmus-paper; on being kept for some time it changes into  $\text{O}_2\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{HClO}_4$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; the same change occurs rapidly when it is heated.

**256.** As will be seen, there is little difficulty in distinguishing a nitrate from a chlorate. When present together they more or less interfere with one-another's reactions; but they may be detected, in the absence of chlorides and nitrites, by heating strongly for a short time and testing the residue for nitrite and chloride (250 and 254).

#### GROUP IV.—CHLORIDE GROUP.

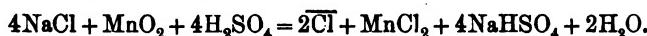
Chlorides, bromides, and iodides closely resemble one another; they are all precipitated by  $\text{AgNO}_3$  from solutions to which  $\text{HNO}_3$  has been added in excess; in this respect they differ from all salts except cyanides, ferrocyanides, and ferricyanides, and these are easily distinguished by other means.

##### CHLORIDES (—'Cl).—Use $\text{NaCl}$ .

**257.**  $\text{AgNO}_3$  added to a little  $\text{NaCl}$  dissolved in water, gives a *pure white* precipitate ( $\text{AgCl}$ ), which collects into curdy masses when heated or shaken, and quickly turns violet in sunlight or more slowly in daylight. Decant the water; to one portion of the precipitate add  $\text{HNO}_3$  and warm, it does not dissolve; to another portion add  $\text{AmHO}$ , it readily dissolves. Decant the liquid from a portion of the precipitate after shaking and letting the precipitate settle, and warm the precipitate with a little strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the acid remains colourless and no coloured vapour is given off.

**258.** Solid  $\text{NaCl}$  warmed with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  gives off colourless  $\text{HCl}$ -gas, which is recognised by fuming in the air, reddening moistened blue litmus-paper, and making a drop of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution on the end of a glass rod milky.

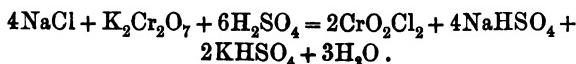
**259.** If solid NaCl be powdered and mixed with finely powdered MnO<sub>2</sub>, then strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> added and the mixture warmed, chlorine gas comes off :—



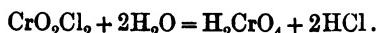
This gas is recognised by its property of bleaching a piece of moist blue litmus-paper, introduced into the tube on a glass rod. The most delicate way of testing is to warm the mixture in a small beaker covered with a watch-glass which bears on its under surface a piece of moist litmus-paper, and to let the apparatus stand for some time. Moist starch is not coloured when held in the air in the tube.

*Note.*—Many samples of commercial MnO<sub>2</sub> evolve Cl when heated with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>; hence the MnO<sub>2</sub> unless specially prepared by precipitation, must be carefully tested before using it for this reaction; or the MnO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> may be first boiled together as long as any bleaching action is produced when moist litmus is held in the tube, then the substance to be tested is added and Cl again tested for whilst heating the mixture.

**260.** If an intimate mixture of solid NaCl with three or four times as much K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> in fine powder be made by rubbing the two substances together in a mortar, and this mixture be then poured into the tubulated flask shown in fig. 38\* (229) (see note below), and mixed with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> by pouring in the acid and shaking it round in the flask, on warming the flask reddish-brown vapour (CrO<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) will be evolved :—



If the neck of the flask be closed by an india-rubber or a glass stopper and the delivery tube be made to dip into water in a test-tube, the vapour on passing into the water will impart to it a reddish-yellow colour owing to the formation of H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> :—




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\* The test-tube fitted as shown in fig. 37 is much less suitable.

On adding to this yellow liquid excess of AmHO, the colour becomes pale yellow ; on now adding excess of H $\bar{A}$ , the original reddish-yellow colour is reproduced, and in this liquid the presence of H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>, and therefore indirectly that of HCl, may be shown by the formation of a yellow precipitate on addition of Pb $\bar{A}_2$ -solution.

*Note.*—Since by this method the detection of a chloride depends on the formation of H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> in the liquid in the test-tube from the vapour or CrO<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>, great care must be taken that no H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> is introduced into that liquid from any other source. Now, since the mixture introduced into the flask contains a chromate, the greatest precaution must be taken that none of it is allowed to get into the bent delivery-tube, and thence into the test-tube. In introducing the powder into the flask, it must be poured down the side of the *perfectly dry* neck opposite to that at which the delivery-tube enters ; also whilst heating the mixture it must not be allowed to rise or splash into the neck of the flask. If these precautions are not taken, and H<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> as such is introduced into the water in the test-tube, the test is worthless as an indication of the presence of a chloride.

Care must also be taken that the liquid is not sucked back from the test-tube into the flask : this is prevented by raising the delivery-tube out of the water in the test-tube as soon as the heating is stopped.

*Hydrogen chloride or hydrochloric acid* (HCl) is a colourless gas which fumes in the air, and dissolves very readily in water ; both the gas and its solution render AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution, which has been acidified with HNO<sub>3</sub>, milky. Heated with MnO<sub>2</sub> the liquid acid evolves chlorine gas.

#### BROMIDES (-'Br).—Use KBr.

**261.** AgNO<sub>3</sub> added to a little KBr solution gives a *yellowish-white* precipitate (AgBr), which is easily coagulated by heating or shaking the liquid ; it is insoluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>, but rather soluble in AmHO, thus somewhat resembling the AgCl precipitate from which it is distinguished by its colour. By shaking well, allowing to settle, decanting the liquid, and heating the precipitate with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, no violet vapour is evolved, the precipitate thus differing from AgI.

**262.** Solid KBr when heated with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> gives

off *reddish-brown* vapour of Br,\* which somewhat resembles Cl in smell, but differs by its colour and by turning moist starch *orange-red*, the colour disappearing by heat. This last test is best performed by dipping the wetted end of a glass rod into some powdered starch, and then moistening the adhering starch by breathing upon it several times. If MnO<sub>2</sub> be mixed with the KBr powder before adding H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the Br is evolved in greater quantity and more readily.

**263.** *Cl-water*, added carefully drop by drop to a little KBr solution whilst shaking it, liberates Br, which gives the solution an orange-red colour; excess of Cl-water must be carefully avoided, as it destroys the colour:—

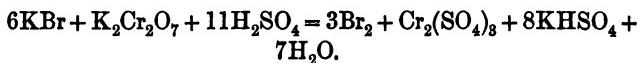


On warming a part of this solution in a dish, brown fumes are given off which colour *orange-red* some starch held in the vapour as described in the preceding reaction.

If CS<sub>2</sub> be added to another portion and the liquids are then well shaken together, the Br is dissolved by the CS<sub>2</sub> and on standing the reddish brown CS<sub>2</sub> solution sinks to the bottom; on adding a little KHO solution and shaking well, the colour of the Br again disappears from the CS<sub>2</sub>, owing to the formation of the colourless salts KBr and KBrO<sub>3</sub>:—



**264.** A mixture of solid KBr and K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> heated with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as in (260), gives off reddish-brown vapour of Br:—



This vapour, if received in a little water, imparts its colour to the water; if the liquid is shaken up with CS<sub>2</sub> however the Br is dissolved away from the water by CS<sub>2</sub>, which forms a brown layer at the bottom of the water: by shaking

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\* KBr solution does not so easily give off Br vapour, but the liquid becomes coloured reddish-brown.

well after addition of AmHO or KHO the colour of the solution is destroyed. (Difference from HCl.)

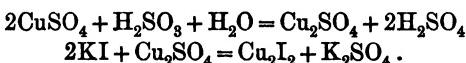
*Hydrogen bromide*, or *hydrobromic acid* (HBr), is a gas resembling HCl ; its solution differs by evolving Br when heated with MnO<sub>2</sub>.

#### IODIDES (- T).—Use KI.

265. AgNO<sub>3</sub> added to a little KI solution, gives a *yellow* precipitate (AgI), which is easily coagulated by heating or shaking the liquid : it is insoluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>, and very slightly soluble in AmHO.

This precipitate differs from AgCl and AgBr by its colour and its slight solubility in AmHO, but more particularly by its behaviour when heated with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. If the precipitate, coagulated by heating or shaking the liquid, is allowed to settle and the liquor decanted, then strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> poured in and heated with the precipitate, the acid becomes coloured red, and violet vapours of iodine are seen especially on looking down the tube ; the colour is particularly distinct after the tube has been allowed to cool for a short time. This vapour of iodine may be detected when almost invisible by holding in the air of the tube a glass rod previously dipped into freshly-made starch solution, which will become coloured blue.

266. CuSO<sub>4</sub> mixed with H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> or FeSO<sub>4</sub> solution, which reduces it to Cu<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, gives a white precipitate (Cu<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>) ; warming, or the addition of a drop of AmHO, causes this precipitate to form more quickly :—



If this precipitate is allowed to settle and the water poured off, or if it be filtered, and the precipitate is then warmed with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, the liquid becomes violet and gives off violet fumes of I.

Solutions of chlorides and bromides are not precipitated thus by Cu<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.

**267.** Solid KI if warmed with strong  $H_2SO_4$  gives off violet vapour of I,\* which, if in large quantity, cools on the sides of the tube to black solid I : this vapour colours starch solution blue, as may be proved by dipping a rod moistened with freshly-made starch solution† into it, or by pouring the heavy fumes out into a white porcelain dish whose inside has been wetted with starch solution, or by dipping into the vapour a slip of filter-paper moistened with starch solution. The I is more readily and plentifully evolved if some  $MnO_2$  be mixed with the KI before adding the  $H_2SO_4$ .

**268.** Cl-water added drop by drop (carefully avoiding excess, which would form colourless  $ICl_3$ ), sets free I, which dissolves in the water giving a brown liquid ; divide this into three parts :—

1. Heat one part; violet vapour of I is given off and is best seen by looking down the mouth of the tube at a white surface. The colour is most distinctly seen if, before heating, some strong  $H_2SO_4$  is added to the liquid. If a glass rod is dipped into starch solution and held in the vapour, the starch becomes blue.

2. To another portion starch solution is added, which gives an intense blue colour often appearing black unless much starch is added and the liquid largely diluted ; on warming the solution the colour disappears, but often reappears when the liquid is cooled. To insure the disappearance of the colour on being heated, the solution must be diluted and the starch added in excess.

3. To the third portion add a drop of  $CS_2$  and shake well ; the  $CS_2$  dissolves the I, and gradually settles to the bottom having a beautiful violet colour. Add a little KHO solution and shake well, the violet colour of the  $CS_2$  will disappear owing to the formation of the colourless salts KI and  $KIO_3$ .

*Note.*—The last two methods of testing for the free I are by far the most delicate known ; but Cl-water is by no means the best reagent for

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\* KI solution does not so easily give off purple vapour, but the liquid becomes reddish-brown or red.

† The starch solution must always be freshly made, as after being kept it loses the property of yielding a blue colour with iodine.

setting I free from its compounds, because if added in excess it combines with the I and prevents its detection. The reagents described in (269) are much better suited for liberating I from its compounds.

269. If a little  $\text{KNO}_3$  is added to the KI solution, and then any dilute acid ( $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) poured in,  $\text{HNO}_2$  is produced which liberates I. A solution of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$  in dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , made by heating  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  strongly and passing the red fumes into dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , also sets free I from KI. The I thus liberated in solution may be identified by the three methods described in (268), of which the third is the most delicate.

These two reagents for liberating I, do not hinder its detection if they are added in excess, and they are also useful because they do not liberate Br from its compounds.

270.  $\text{HgCl}_2$  gives with KI solution a scarlet precipitate, with KBr or NaCl it gives no precipitate;  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$  gives with KI solution a *bright yellow* precipitate, with KBr or NaCl a *white* precipitate.

*Hydrogen iodide*, or *hydriodic acid* (HI), is a gas resembling HCl and HBr; its solution differs by evolving I when heated with  $\text{MnO}_2$ .

271. *A chloride, bromide, or iodide*, is easily detected by the foregoing tests. The reactions given in paragraphs (259) and (260) are perhaps the most characteristic tests for a chloride, those described in (263) and (264) for a bromide, whilst an iodide is detected with the greatest ease and certainty by reaction (269).

The colour of the precipitate produced by  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution in the solution made acid with  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and its behaviour with AmHO, though less reliable than the above tests, serve to indicate which of these acid-radicles is present,  $\text{AgCl}$  being *pure white* and very easily soluble in AmHO,  $\text{AgBr}$  being *pale yellow* and not readily soluble in AmHO, whilst  $\text{AgI}$  is *primrose-yellow* and almost insoluble in AmHO. See also the distinctive action of hot strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  on  $\text{AgI}$ , described in paragraph (265).

**272. (s) The detection of a chloride, bromide, and iodide when occurring together.**

The method of examination varies according to whether an iodide is present or absent; since a chloride cannot be detected in the presence of an iodide, the latter, if present, must be separated before proceeding to examine for the chloride (see 273). In paragraph (274) is given a process for detecting an iodide and bromide; it is of value only when a chloride has not to be tested for.

**273. (s)** To a small portion of the solution, made just acid if necessary by addition of dilute  $H_2SO_4$ , add a little cold freshly prepared starch solution and then strong  $HNO_3$ , or either of the reagents mentioned in (269), drop by drop; a dark blue coloration\* shows the *presence of an iodide*. The remainder of the solution is examined for a chloride and bromide by the directions given below under A or B, according as an iodide is present or absent:—

**A. An Iodide is present.**—Add to the solution a reagent consisting of a mixture of  $CuSO_4$  solution with half its measure of strong  $H_2SO_3$  solution, and warm gently for a short time;  $Cu_2I_2$  will be precipitated (266). In order to be sure that the iodide is entirely precipitated, a small quantity of the liquid must be filtered and warmed with a little more of the above reagent: if any further precipitate is caused, the filtered portion is returned to the unfiltered liquid, more of the reagent is added to the whole, which is then warmed for a time and again tested as above, to see if the precipitation is complete; these trials are repeated until a small portion, on filtration, gives no further precipitate when warmed with more of the reagent. The whole is then filtered till clear, pure  $NaHO$  is added in excess to the filtrate and the liquid boiled. The precipitate thus produced is filtered off, and the filtrate, now free from iodide, is tested for bromide and chloride by the directions given in column **B**.

**B. No Iodide is present.**—Evaporate the solution (made

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\* Black, unless the starch solution has been added in sufficient quantity to the dilute solution.

alkaline, if not already so, by addition of pure NaHO) to dryness in a porcelain dish, scrape the residue off the sides of the dish and mix it with three or four times as much powdered  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  by rubbing the two substances together in the dish with a pestle (260). Transfer this mixture into the small tubulated flask (fig. 38, p. 132) by pouring it down the perfectly dry neck on the side opposite to that at which the tube enters, and taking the greatest care to let none of the powder enter the delivery-tube. Then pour into the flask strong  $H_2SO_4$  sufficient to cover the powder to the depth of about a quarter of an inch, at once close the neck with an india-rubber or glass stopper, and dip the end of the delivery-tube an inch into water contained in a test-tube. Mix the contents of the flask by cautious shaking, and warm the mixture gently, carefully guarding against allowing any of the mixture to get into the delivery-tube and thence into the water in the test-tube.\* As soon as no more reddish-brown vapour is visible in the flask or its delivery-tube, discontinue the heating, and immediately withdraw the test-tube. If no coloured vapour has been evolved and the water in the test-tube is colourless, chloride and bromide are absent. If the water is coloured pour into it  $CS_2$ , sufficient to form a layer at the bottom of the tube about as large as a small nut; close the mouth of the tube with the thumb and shake vigorously: the  $CS_2$  on settling shows a brown colour, indicating the *presence of Br from a bromide*.

Separate the water from the  $CS_2$  by pouring it through a wetted filter, add to the filtrate AmHO in excess, then  $H\bar{A}$  in excess, and  $Pb\bar{A}_2$  solution. A yellow precipitate indicates the presence of a chromate, which proves indirectly that a chloride was present.

**273 a. (s)** The above method will also serve for the examination for chloride, bromide, and iodide in the  $AgNO_3$  precipitate. The precipitate is dried, and fused for about ten minutes in a porcelain crucible with three or four times as much fusion mixture; the cool mass is boiled with  $H_2O$  for some time

\* See the precautions in the note at the end of par. 260.

and filtered, the filtrate being examined as directed above (273).

**274.** (s) If only an iodide and a bromide have to be tested for, the following method may be employed. Pour into the solution  $\text{CS}_2$ , sufficient to form a large drop at the bottom; add Cl-water drop by drop, shaking thoroughly after each addition: an iodide, if present, shows first by its liberated iodine colouring the  $\text{CS}_2$  purple, but on continuing the addition of Cl-water this colour is destroyed; a bromide is then detected by a brown coloration of the  $\text{CS}_2$ , which, however, is also destroyed if too much Cl-water is added.

#### GROUP V.—PHOSPHATE GROUP.

Phosphates and arsenates resemble one another closely in many reactions; the points of difference they present from one another and from other salts will, however, if carefully attended to, render their detection a simple matter.

**PHOSPHATES (— $\text{PO}_4^{\text{2-}}$ ).**—Use  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

**275.**  $\text{MgSO}_4$  solution to which some AmCl has been added and then a little AmHO, gives with  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  a white crystalline precipitate ( $\text{MgAmPO}_4$ ): this precipitate is almost insoluble in AmHO, but easily soluble in acids. If very little  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  is present, the precipitate appears only on warming, stirring, or shaking well, and letting stand.

**276.**  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$  (a few drops only) added after a little  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  and some  $\text{Na}\bar{\text{A}}$  solution gives, especially on being heated, a yellowish-white precipitate of  $\text{Fe}''\text{PO}_4$ .

**277.**  $\text{AmHMnO}_4$  dissolved in  $\text{HNO}_3$  gives a yellow precipitate if a drop of  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$  solution is added to it; the formation of the precipitate is hastened by *gentle* warming, stirring, or shaking, but it often appears only after a time. Pour off a part of the liquid and show that the precipitate is soluble in alkalis (KHO, NaHO, AmHO), and insoluble in acids, especially in  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

*Note.*—This reaction, if properly performed, is the most delicate test known for a phosphate, but careful attention must be paid to the following precautions:—The AmHMoO<sub>4</sub> solution must be prepared according to the directions given in par. 526, remark 40; the solution to be tested must not be alkaline to test-paper, it is best made distinctly acid with HNO<sub>3</sub>; it is then to be added *in small quantity only* to some of the AmHMoO<sub>4</sub> solution in a test-tube, more of the liquid being added only if after *gently* warming and stirring or shaking well no yellow precipitate forms after a few minutes. This last precaution must be particularly observed, as an excess of phosphate altogether prevents the formation of the precipitate: show that this is the case by pouring into some Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> solution, contained in a test-tube and made acid with HNO<sub>3</sub>, a few drops of AmHMoO<sub>4</sub> solution; it will be found that no precipitate will form even on heating and shaking the liquid, since the phosphate is present in large quantity compared with the AmHMoO<sub>4</sub>; but on adding a few drops of this liquid to some fresh AmHMoO<sub>4</sub> solution the precipitate appears. It must also be remembered that HCl retards or prevents the formation of this precipitate, and therefore an HNO<sub>3</sub> solution should always be used when possible.

278. *AgNO<sub>3</sub>*: yellow precipitate (Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>): pour off a portion and show the precipitate to be soluble in AmHO and in HNO<sub>3</sub>.

278 a. A very delicate test for the presence of P in the form of a phosphate or otherwise, consists in strongly heating the dry solid substance with a small piece of Na in a little tube of hard glass closed at one end. On breaking the tube and breathing upon the powdered substance a smell of onions, due to H<sub>2</sub>P, is perceived.

A phosphate made into a paste with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and heated strongly at the tip of the inner blowpipe flame, gives a bluish-green colour to the flame.

*Hydrogen phosphate*, or *phosphoric acid* (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>), is a colourless crystalline substance; its solution is strongly acid, but does not char paper and organic substances. (Diff. from H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>). It yields reactions (275 and 277.)

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**ARSENATES (— "AsO<sub>4</sub>)**—Use Na<sub>2</sub>HAsO<sub>4</sub>.12H<sub>2</sub>O solution.

279. The precipitates formed in reactions (275, 276, 277) for phosphates are precisely similar in appearance and general properties to those formed with the same reagents by arsenates. The precipitate, however, which is formed by an arsenate with AgNO<sub>3</sub> differs from that given by a phosphate by being *brown* in colour; also AmHMoO<sub>4</sub> gives with an arsenate a precipitate *only on boiling*.

280. The following differences serve to detect and separate a phosphate and an arsenate:—

1. The fact that an arsenate only yields a precipitate with  $\text{AmHMnO}_4$  when the liquid is *boiled*, whereas the corresponding precipitate with a phosphate is produced by a *gentle heat*.

2. An arsenate solution, if boiled with strong HCl, gives when  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is passed into the hot liquid, first a white precipitate of S, then yellow  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ ; a phosphate solution, under the same circumstances, gives no precipitate.

3. In a *perfectly neutral* solution,  $\text{AgNO}_3$  gives with an arsenate solution a *brown* precipitate, with a phosphate a *canary-yellow* precipitate.

281. Hence, if occurring separately, a phosphate and arsenate may be distinguished by one or more of these differences.

281 a. The simplest method of ascertaining which of these two acids is present is to throw the precipitate yielded by  $\text{AmCl}$ ,  $\text{AmHO}$ , and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  upon a filter, wash it with a little cold water, and drop  $\text{AgNO}_3$  upon it: if the precipitate consisted of  $\text{MgAmAsO}_4$  it will become *brown*, if of  $\text{MgAmPO}_4$  *canary-yellow* (difference 3). Or the precipitate produced by  $\text{AmCl}$ ,  $\text{AmHO}$ , and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  may be examined for arsenate by dissolving a part of it in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ , adding  $\text{AgNO}_3$  as long as it causes any white precipitate, and then very dilute  $\text{AmHO}$  gradually drop by drop; if arsenate is present a *brown* precipitate will form just before the liquid becomes alkaline to test-paper: phosphate gives a *yellow* precipitate. Instead of mixing the dilute  $\text{AmHO}$  it may be poured upon the top of the acid liquid when the colour appears at the surface of contact.

282. If both arsenate and phosphate have to be tested for,  $\text{AmCl}$ ,  $\text{AmHO}$ , and  $\text{MgSO}_4$  are added as long as any further precipitate is caused: the precipitate is filtered off \* and dis-

\* A small portion of the precipitate may be filtered off upon another filter and tested at once for arsenate by dropping upon it  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution. If the precipitate turns brown arsenate is present and must be separated in the other part of the Mg precipitate before testing for phosphate: if the precipitate turns yellow, phosphate alone is present.

solved in a little boiling strong HCl, H<sub>2</sub>S is passed for several minutes into this hot HCl solution, when the presence of arsenate is shown as above (par. 280, 2); the precipitate is filtered off if any has formed, and H<sub>2</sub>S passed into the boiling filtrate; if any further precipitate is produced, the gas must be passed again until it no longer causes a precipitate; the clear filtrate from this precipitate is then evaporated just to dryness, dissolved in a little dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>, and tested for phosphate by adding a few drops of it to AmHMnO<sub>4</sub> solution and gently warming. Arsenite, if present, may be detected by H<sub>2</sub>S in the filtrate from the Mg precipitate, acidified with HCl: yellow As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> is precipitated.

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#### UNGROUPED ACID-RADICLES (INORGANIC).

The salts of the following acid-radicles present no marked resemblances in their reactions to one another or to other salts, and are usually detected by special tests.

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#### BORATES (—'BO<sub>2</sub>, or —'"BO<sub>3</sub>).—Use Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub>.10H<sub>2</sub>O.

**283.** If some Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> be stirred with a little dilute HCl on a watch-glass and a strip of turmeric paper be half immersed in the liquid, then dried on a watch-glass in the steam-oven or on a water-bath,\* the part which was moistened appears *reddish-brown*, and becomes *bluish-black* when moistened with AmHO. This is a most useful test for a borate.

**284.** If some methylated spirit be poured upon a little solid Na<sub>2</sub>B<sub>4</sub>O<sub>7</sub> in a test-tube or porcelain dish, some strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> added, and the mixture be heated and set fire to, the spirit burns with a green-edged flame, seen best by blowing the flame out after it has burnt for a time and then relighting it. This test is not quite characteristic, since some chlorides yield a similar green flame.

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\*The paper may also be dried over a small flame, if it is not heated above steam-heat (100° C.)

**285.** A mixture of  $\text{CaF}_2$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$ ,\* and  $\text{KHSO}_4$ , if finely powdered, moistened, and heated on a loop of platinum wire in the inner blowpipe flame, colours the outer flame momentarily *green* after being heated for a short time.

This test is not always decisive, since many phosphates and Cu-salts give the same coloration, and it is besides liable to be masked by the flame colorations of other substances.

*Hydrogen borate*, or *boric acid* ( $\text{HBO}_2$ ), is a white porous mass; with  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  it forms a crystalline scaly hydrate; when strongly heated these yield a fusible glass consisting of  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ . The solution of the acid reddens litmus-paper and *colours turmeric reddish-brown, especially on drying the paper*. The acid is soluble both in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and in alcohol; on evaporating these solutions, the acid passes off with the vapour of the liquid. Reactions 283, 284, and 285 will serve to detect boric acid.

**CHROMATES (— "CrO<sub>4</sub>).**—Use  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ .

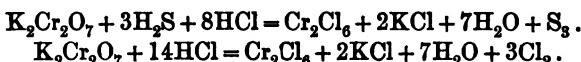
All chromates are more or less yellow or red in colour. The yellow solution of an alkaline chromate becomes orange-red on addition of an acid, owing to formation of a dichromate.

**286.** Various substances, which readily combine with oxygen, deoxidise acid  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  solution to a solution of a chromic-salt, the colour of the solution at the same time changing from *orange-red* to a *bright green*. To show this add  $\text{HCl}$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  to some  $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$  solution, divide the orange-red solution into five parts and deoxidise each of these portions by one of the following methods:—

- a. Pass  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  into the hot solution; white S separates.
- b. Add some  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  and warm.
- c. Add alcohol and boil.
- d. Boil for some time, after adding much strong  $\text{HCl}$ .
- e. Add some Zn to the acidified liquid and warm. The change of colour is in this case slow.

\* Boric acid is better, since the Na flame coloration tends to conceal the green coloration of  $\text{BF}_3$ .

In each case the change in composition is shown by the liquid becoming green : the following equations show the decomposition occurring with  $H_2S$  and with  $HCl$ , the others may be drawn out by the student :—



This green solution gives all the reactions for Cr (102-105).

*Note.*—Since chromic acid is thus reduced by boiling with  $HCl$  and by  $H_2S$  to a chromic salt, a chromate leads to precipitation of  $Cr_2Ho_6$  in Group III. in the ordinary course of analysis.

*Hydrogen peroxide* ( $H_2O_2$ ), if added after some ether to an acid solution of a chromate, on well shaking the liquids causes the ether to assume a blue colour ; addition of a few drops of strong  $HNO_3$  is useful. The  $H_2O_2$  may be produced by adding  $BaO_2$  to the *cold* acid liquid. This reaction is extremely delicate and characteristic.

287.  $AgNO_3$  : purple-red precipitate ( $Ag_2CrO_4$ ) : soluble in  $AmHO$  and in  $HNO_3$ .

288.  $Pb\bar{A}_2$  : yellow precipitate ( $PbCrO_4$ ) : soluble in  $KHO$ , insoluble in  $HA$ .

289.  $BaCl_2$  : yellowish-white precipitate ( $BaCrO_4$ ) : insoluble in  $HA$ , soluble in  $HCl$ .

*Hydrogen chromate or chromic acid* ( $H_2CrO_4$  ?).  $CrO_3$  dissolves in water to a reddish-yellow liquid, with a strongly acid reaction. The liquid evolves  $Cl$  and becomes green if it is boiled with  $HCl$  ; when neutralised by an alkali it becomes yellow, the solution yielding the reactions in pars. 287, 288, 289.

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SILICATES. { Use  $Na_2SiO_3$  solution for liquid ;  
for solid, finely-ground sand  
or solid  $Na_2SiO_3$ .

290.  $HCl$  added slowly drop by drop to a solution of  $Na_2SiO_3$  whilst stirring or shaking it, will usually, unless the

solution is very dilute [see note 2 below], give a gelatinous precipitate of  $H_4SiO_4$ ; but this precipitate is very apt to remain dissolved, hence its non-appearance is no proof of the absence of  $H_4SiO_4$ .

**290 a.** Small quantities of  $H_4SiO_4$ , or  $H_4SiO_4$  in dilute solution, may be detected by evaporating the solution, made acid with HCl, to dryness in a porcelain dish and heating the residue to  $100^\circ$  as long as acid fumes come off: on stirring and warming the dry residue with strong HCl,  $SiO_2$  remains undissolved as a white powder.

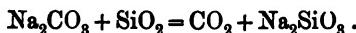
*Note 1.*—During the last part of the evaporation the silica often separates as a gelatinous mass, and unless the heat is lessened and the residue stirred with a glass rod it will spirt: spiring is best avoided by finishing the evaporation, as soon as the liquid becomes thick, upon a water-bath. The undissolved  $SiO_2$ , left on treating with HCl is best seen by pouring out the liquid into a test-tube: it is soluble in hot KHO solution.

*Note 2.*—The solution of  $Na_2SiO_3$  used for these reactions is made of such a strength that acids do not precipitate  $H_4SiO_4$  from it, but by boiling some of it down to a quarter its volume before adding the acid the precipitate is usually obtained.

**291.**  $AmCl$  (or  $Am_2CO_3$ ) causes a gelatinous precipitate of  $H_4SiO_4$ , which usually forms only after a time.

#### *Blowpipe Tests.*

**292.** A little solid  $SiO_2$  (or most silicates), if fused into a bead of  $Na_2CO_3$  causes frothing from  $CO_2$  escaping:—



**293.** Fused in a bead of  $NaAmHPO_4$  the  $SiO_2$  is not dissolved, but floats about in transparent particles and on cooling remains as little opaque masses in the bead. The particles of  $SiO_2$  are usually best seen in the fused bead.

*Hydrogen silicate*, or *silicic acid* ( $H_4SiO_4$ ), is a white flocculent substance with no reaction to litmus: it is insoluble in water, and but very slightly soluble in acids, but dissolves as an alkaline silicate in solutions of the alkalis or alkaline carbonates. On ignition it forms a white insoluble powder ( $SiO_2$ ) which yields reactions 292 and 293.

**FLUORIDES (- F).**—Use  $\text{CaF}_2$ , finely powdered.

*Note.*—The most useful tests for a fluoride depend upon setting free the acid and allowing it to act upon a surface of glass, which it “etches” or corrodes, causing it to appear dim when perfectly dry.

**294.** *Strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$*  if warmed with a little  $\text{CaF}_2$  in a test-tube liberates HF, which causes the glass to behave towards the liquid as if it were greasy. The HF etches the glass, and on washing away the cooled mixture and perfectly drying the inside of the tube, it will be found to be dimmed and roughened.

This test is often performed by gently warming the substance, upon which several drops of strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  have been poured, upon a watch-glass for some time; on washing off the substance and drying the glass thoroughly, it will be found to be dimmed and roughened where the substance and acid rested; this is best seen, if only very slight, by holding the glass so as to see the reflection from its surface.

**295.** A less simple, but more delicate, plan consists in placing the  $\text{CaF}_2$  in a platinum crucible, or in a small leaden cup made by bending a piece of sheet-lead, and pouring upon it some strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The crucible is then covered with a watch-glass with its hollow upwards and filled with cold water to keep the glass cool; the crucible is placed in a porcelain dish containing sufficient hot water to reach half way up the sides of the crucible, the water being occasionally heated if necessary by a small flame;\* on removing the watch-glass after ten minutes or more, washing and then thoroughly drying it, the part of the surface covering the crucible will be found to be dimmed by the action of the HF vapours. The delicacy of this method is much increased by the modification described in par. 296.

**296.** The convex surface of a watch-glass is covered with a thin film of beeswax or solid paraffin by carefully heating the glass held by crucible tongs at some distance above a flame, then rubbing its convex side with a piece of wax or

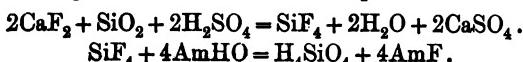
\* Or the crucible may be heated *gently* over a flame or on a sand-bath.

paraffin ; it is thus covered with a melted layer, which may be made uniform by once more heating the glass, allowing any excess of wax to drop off, and keeping the glass moving whilst cooling ; the coating is finally hardened by immersion for a short time in cold water. Lines or characters are then traced on the glass towards its centre by gentle pressure with the point of a penknife, the object being simply to remove the wax from these parts and not to scratch the glass. The glass thus prepared is exposed (as in par. 295) to the HF for about twenty minutes or half an hour, the wax being prevented from melting by cold water kept in the hollow of the glass. The watch-glass is then removed and cleansed from wax by holding it with crucible tongs above the flame and quickly wiping off the wax when melted : a clean bright surface will be thus obtained on which the traced lines will usually be visible at once on holding the glass up to the light, but if mere traces of a fluoride were present the etched lines will be made visible by breathing upon the cold surface.

297. The presence of  $\text{SiO}_2$ , or a silicate, prevents the liberation of HF by  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{SiF}_4$  being given off instead : this gas possesses no etching power, and therefore if  $\text{SiO}_2$  or a silicate is present, the methods given above do not serve for the detection of a fluoride.  $\text{SiF}_4$ , however produces white fumes in air, and if passed into dilute AmHO yields a colourless flocculent precipitate of  $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$  and gives AmF in solution : the formation of the flocculent precipitate of  $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$  is sufficient proof of the presence of a fluoride, but the AmF itself may be detected in the filtrate from this precipitate by adding  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , filtering off the precipitate of  $\text{CaF}_2$ , and drying and examining it by par. (296).

By mixing  $\text{SiO}_2$  with any substance to be tested for a fluoride the above method may be employed for its detection ; use for the reaction a mixture of  $\text{CaF}_2$  and  $\text{SiO}_2$ . A small piece of marble may be dropped into the tube in which the  $\text{SiF}_4$  is evolved, to carry that gas over into the AmHO solution.

The changes which occur are thus expressed :—



**298.**  $CaCl_2$  added to  $NaF$  solution\* gives a gelatinous almost transparent precipitate ( $CaF_2$ ), which becomes more visible on heating or adding  $AmHO$ : slightly soluble in  $HCl$ , almost insoluble in  $H\bar{A}$ .

*Hydrogen fluoride*, or *hydrofluoric acid* (HF), is a colourless gas which fumes in the air, etches glass and dissolves easily in water. The solution of HF is acid in reaction and differs from all other acids in dissolving  $SiO_2$  and insoluble silicates.

**FLUOSILICATES (- "SiF<sub>6</sub>).**—Wse  $H_2SiF_6$ .

**299.**  $BaCl_2$ : white precipitate ( $BaSiF_6$ ), which usually appears only on gently warming the solution, and thus differs from  $BaSO_4$ : it is somewhat soluble in boiling  $HCl$ , but insoluble in alcohol. Put by some of this precipitate for reaction (301).

This precipitate differs from the precipitate of  $BaSO_4$ , which it somewhat resembles in being rather insoluble in  $HCl$ , by being more or less transparent and crystalline: but fluosilicates differ from sulphates also in giving no precipitates with  $Sr(NO_3)_2$  or  $Pb(NO_3)_2$  and in giving, when heated with excess of  $AmHO$ , a flocculent precipitate of  $H_4SiO_4$  and  $AmF$  in solution (297); fluosilicates differ also by the following very distinctive reactions:—

**300.**  $KCl$ , on warming, gives a very transparent gelatinous precipitate ( $K_2SiF_6$ ), which is visible only after being allowed to settle for a time; it is insoluble in alcohol.

**301.** By evaporating  $H_2SiF_6$  solution, or heating a fluosilicate, with strong  $H_2SO_4$ , HF is given off and may be detected by its etching action on glass (294).

Evaporate a little  $H_2SiF_6$  [or  $BaSiF_6$  from (299)], after adding strong  $H_2SO_4$ , upon a watch-glass to dryness; on washing off the residue the glass will be found to be etched.

**301a.** A solid substance (e.g. the precipitate of  $BaSiF_6$  or  $K_2SiF_6$ ) may also be examined by any of the methods given above for HF, the most delicate being (296). This

\* Prepared by boiling in water the mass obtained by fusing for several minutes on platinum-foil some powdered  $CaF_2$  and fusion-mixture, filtering the solution and acidifying the filtrate with  $H\bar{A}$ .

method is particularly useful for proving a precipitate produced by  $\text{BaCl}_2$  to consist of  $\text{BaSiF}_6$ .\*

**302.** The above reactions readily distinguish between sulphates and fluorosilicates, both of which give precipitates with  $\text{BaCl}_2$ , which are insoluble in boiling HCl. There is only one other class of salts—the selenates—which give with  $\text{BaCl}_2$  a white precipitate insoluble in HCl; and this precipitate ( $\text{BaSeO}_4$ ), if boiled with strong HCl for some time, evolves Cl and gradually dissolves as  $\text{BaSeO}_3$ , thus differing from  $\text{BaSO}_4$  and  $\text{BaSiF}_6$ ; further, this HCl solution, if warmed with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , yields a reddish precipitate of Se.

*Hydrogen fluorosilicate*, or *hydrofluosilicic acid* ( $\text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6$ ), is a strongly acid liquid, volatilising entirely when heated in platinum as  $2\text{HF} + \text{SiF}_4$ : by evaporating it in glass, the glass is etched. It is precipitated by KCl and by  $\text{BaCl}_2$ .

### REACTIONS OF ORGANIC ACID-RADICLES.

The following acid-radicles are included here (although the first four are frequently, and the other three always, classed amongst organic compounds), because they are of such frequent occurrence, and their detection is usually a matter of so little difficulty, that they may reasonably be appended even to an elementary treatise on inorganic analysis.

#### CYANIDES (-'Cy).—Use KCy.

$\text{HCy}$  smells of bitter almonds, the alkaline cyanides smell only faintly of the same.

**303.**  $\text{AgNO}_3$ : white precipitate ( $\text{AgCy}$ ): show with three separate portions that this precipitate is soluble in KCy solution added in excess, and in  $\text{AmHO}$ , but insoluble in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

\* The readiest means of producing an etch with this precipitate is to pour it off into a watch-glass, decant the water, and warm the precipitate for some time with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; on washing the glass and drying it, it will be found to be corroded. When the more delicate process (296) has to be employed, the precipitate should be shaken up with the liquid, poured off into a platinum crucible or leaden cup, the liquid decanted, and the precipitate warmed with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  as described in (296).

If some of the precipitate be filtered off and well washed with hot water until free from  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (shown by HCl causing no milkiness with a few drops of the washing water), then dried, scraped from the filter into a porcelain crucible, and heated strongly, Ag is left: if this residue on cooling be warmed with a little dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ , it dissolves, giving off red fumes; and a drop of HCl added to this solution gives a curdy precipitate of  $\text{AgCl}$ . This reaction distinguishes  $\text{AgCy}$  from  $\text{AgCl}$ ,  $\text{AgBr}$  and  $\text{AgI}$ , which like it are precipitated by  $\text{AgNO}_3$  and are insoluble in  $\text{HNO}_3$ , since these three precipitates when dried and strongly heated melt without decomposing; hence, after cooling, if  $\text{HNO}_3$  be warmed with them it dissolves out no Ag, and HCl added to the  $\text{HNO}_3$  gives either no precipitate or a mere milkiness due to imperfect washing of the precipitate.

This method is somewhat tedious and need seldom be used, cyanides being readily detected by the following reactions.

**304.** If some  $\text{FeSO}_4$  solution, mixed with several drops of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$ , be added to KCy solution and the liquid be then made strongly alkaline with KHO and boiled, then cooled and HCl added to acid reaction, "Prussian Blue" ( $\text{Fe}''_4\text{Cf}_3^*$ ) remains as a deep blue precipitate; or, if in small quantity, it dissolves giving a bluish-green solution. If no cyanide had been present, the addition of HCl would have given a nearly colourless liquid.

**305.** If to some KCy solution, contained in a test-tube fitted as shown in fig. 37 (p. 132), dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is added, then a small piece of marble dropped in and the liquid boiled, allowing the steam to pass off into some  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  solution,  $\text{AmCyS}$  is formed. This substance gives with  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$  a blood-red coloration, which may be obtained by pouring the  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  solution out into a porcelain dish, boiling it, allowing it to cool, making acid with HCl, and adding several drops of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$ : a blood-red colour, only faintly seen when but little KCy is used, shows that HCy has passed into the  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  producing  $\text{AmCyS}$ , and therefore proves the presence of a cyanide.

*Note.*—The marble is used to cause evolution of  $\text{CO}_2$  gas, which lessens the risk of the  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  being sucked back during the reaction.

A little  $\text{HgCl}_2$  solution should be added to a few drops of the red liquid, if the red colour is destroyed it was certainly due to the presence of  $\text{AmCyS}$ .

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\* The symbol Cf<sub>y</sub> conveniently represents the group ( $\text{FeCy}_6$ ); it is used here to avoid brackets.

**306.** The former test can often be more simply performed by boiling the solution (of KCy or HgC<sub>y</sub>) with Am<sub>2</sub>S, which must be added until the yellow colour remains after boiling for a short time. [If a dark-coloured precipitate forms, this must be filtered off before the colour of the filtrate can be seen.] Then filter if necessary, acidify with HCl in a porcelain dish, and add Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> in small quantity; a blood-red colour is produced in the liquid, which is not removed by heat or addition of HCl, but may be destroyed by adding to a few drops of the liquid some HgCl<sub>2</sub>.

*Note 1.*—On adding HCl to the Am<sub>2</sub>S (305, 306), white S separates, unless the yellow liquid has been previously boiled in a porcelain dish until it becomes colourless (filling in distilled water as it evaporates); but this separation of S is advantageous, since it helps to show by its whiteness even a faint reddish tint in the liquid. Methods (304, 305, 306) are exceedingly delicate tests for a cyanide. Methods (305) and (306), if less readily performed than (304), exceed it in delicacy. Method (306) is the more easy of the two to perform, and (305) is only used in cases where after boiling with excess of Am<sub>2</sub>S, the filtrate is dark-coloured, and therefore the red coloration would be invisible.

*Note 2.*—HgC<sub>y</sub> does not show the reactions for a cyanide by methods (303, 304, and 305); but by boiling with Am<sub>2</sub>S, according to method (306), AmC<sub>y</sub>S is obtained in the filtrate from the black HgS precipitate, and will give the red coloration with Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>.

Solid HgC<sub>y</sub>, heated in a small tube closed at one end also gives off cyanogen gas, which burns with a peach-blossom coloured flame.

*Hydrogen cyanide*, or *hydrocyanic ("Prussic") acid*, is a colourless, volatile, inflammable liquid, smelling like bitter almonds: it is *highly poisonous*, both when inhaled as vapour and swallowed as liquid: it readily mixes with water. The acid is easily detected by AgNO<sub>3</sub> (303), also by (304), or by formation of AmC<sub>y</sub>S when the liquid is boiled with Am<sub>2</sub>S (306).

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**FERROCYANIDES** (—*"FeCy<sub>6</sub>*,\* or —*"Cfy*).—Use K<sub>4</sub>FeCy<sub>6</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub>O, (K<sub>4</sub>Cfy.3H<sub>2</sub>O).

**307. Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub>:** dark-blue precipitate, "Prussian Blue"

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\* The latter part of this formula is conveniently written Cfy to avoid using brackets.

$(Fe_4\bar{C}fy_3)$ : insoluble in HCl, soluble in  $H_2C_2O_4$  to a dark blue liquid: changed by KHO into brown  $Fe_2Ho_6$ .

*Note.*—The solubility in  $H_2\bar{O}$  and insolubility in HCl are shown by pouring off portions, heating them with HCl and  $H_2\bar{O}$  respectively, filtering, and noting whether the filtrate is blue: a third portion is mixed with KHO, and becomes brown.

308.  $FeSO_4$ : light-blue precipitate ( $Fe''K_2\bar{C}fy$ ), which quickly becomes darker on standing in the air, or immediately on addition of Cl-water or Br-water, or on warming with  $HNO_3$ . It is insoluble in HCl.

309.  $CuSO_4$ : a chocolate-coloured precipitate ( $Cu''_2\bar{C}fy$ ), insoluble in  $\bar{H}A$ .

310.  $AgNO_3$ : white precipitate ( $Ag_4\bar{C}fy$ ), insoluble in  $HNO_3$  and in  $AmHO$ . If heated with  $HNO_3$  this precipitate changes to orange-red  $Ag_6\bar{C}fy_2$ , soluble in  $AmHO$ .

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FERRICYANIDES [— $''(FeCy_6)_2$ , or — $''\bar{C}fy_2$ ].—Use  $K_6(FeCy_6)_2$ , ( $K_6\bar{C}fy_2$ ).

311.  $Fe_2Cl_6$ : dark-greenish or brown coloration; no precipitate is formed, as may be seen by adding much water to the liquid.

312.  $FeSO_4$ : dark-blue precipitate, "Turnbull's Blue," ( $Fe''_8\bar{C}fy_2$ ): insoluble in acids: blue colour destroyed by KHO.

313.  $CuSO_4$ : yellowish precipitate.

314.  $AgNO_3$ : orange-coloured precipitate ( $Ag_6\bar{C}fy_2$ ), insoluble in  $HNO_3$ , soluble in  $AmHO$ . Frequently a white residue is left on adding  $AmHO$ , consisting of  $Ag_4\bar{C}fy$ , and showing that  $K_4\bar{C}fy$  was present in the  $K_6\bar{C}fy_2$  solution.

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SULPHOCYANIDES (—'CyS).—Use KCyS.

315.  $Fe_2Cl_6$ : blood-red coloration, but no precipitate: the colour is destroyed by  $HgCl_2$  solution, but not by HCl.

316. Cyanides are usually detected in analysis by methods (304, 305, 306). Ferro- and ferri-cyanides can be found and distinguished by their first three tests, or by the precipitate given by  $AgNO_3$  in the solution acidified with  $HNO_3$ ; this precipitate, if a ferricyanide is present, will have a more or less decided orange-red colour; on filtering, or decanting, and warming the precipitate with  $AmHO$ , white  $Ag_4\bar{C}fy$

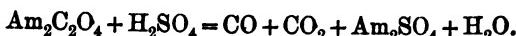
will be left if a ferrocyanide was present, and on acidifying the filtrate with  $\text{HNO}_3$  orange-red  $\text{Ag}_2\text{Cf}_y$ , will precipitate. A sulphocyanide is found by (315).

The three following acid-radicles and their salts differ from the foregoing by being charred and emitting a smell of burning when heated in the solid state; oxalates, however, do so only to a slight extent. If the salt be one of the alkalies or of the alkaline earths, the residue left after ignition contains a carbonate which effervesces with an acid, whereas the original substance did not do so.

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**OXALATES** (- " $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ ", or - " $\bar{\text{O}}$ "). — Use  $\text{Am}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , ( $\text{Am}_2\bar{\text{O}} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ).

**317.** *Strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  heated with solid  $\text{Am}_2\bar{\text{O}} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  causes an effervescence of gas consisting of a mixture of  $\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$ :*



The  $\text{CO}$  is detected by burning with a blue flame when a light is applied, the  $\text{CO}_2$  by rendering a drop of lime-water on a glass rod milky.

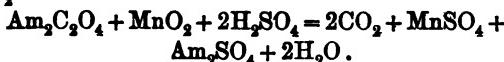
No blackening or charring is produced by strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; oxalates differ in this respect from the salts of all other organic acids.

**318.**  *$\text{CaCl}_2$  ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ , or lime-water,) added to  $\text{Am}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  solution (made by diluting some of the reagent solution in a test-tube with an equal quantity of water), gives a white precipitate ( $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4$ ), insoluble in  $\text{AmHO}$  and in  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ , soluble in  $\text{HCl}$  or  $\text{HNO}_3$ .*

**318 a.** *If this precipitate is filtered off, a portion placed on a watch-glass will not effervesce with dilute  $\text{HCl}$ ; but if the remainder is dried and heated to dull redness on platinum foil, it is converted without blackening into  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , which effervesces with dilute  $\text{HCl}$ .*

*Note.* — This is a general test for oxalate of K, Na, Ba, Sr, or Ca; oxalates of these metals leave carbonates on ignition which effervesce with an acid.

319. Heated with  $MnO_2$  and  $H_2SO_4$ , solid exalates give off  $CO_2$ :



*Note.*—Since commercial  $MnO_2$  usually contains some carbonate, it will give off  $CO_2$  when treated with  $H_2SO_4$ . If the  $MnO_2$  to be used is not known to be free from carbonate the best way to perform the test is to add to some of the  $MnO_2$  in test-tube a little  $H_2SO_4$ , and heat to boiling; if  $CO_2$  is found in the tube by a glass rod with a drop of lime-water on its end continue to boil, occasionally drawing fresh air into the test-tube by pushing down a glass tube near to the surface of the liquid and sucking out the air; as soon as no  $CO_2$  is detectable in the tube after boiling for a short time and the liquid is distinctly acid, the  $Am_2C_2O_4$  is added and the mixture again heated,  $CO_2$  will be rapidly given off, and may be detected by the ordinary methods.

If the  $MnO_2$  gives no  $CO_2$  with  $H_2SO_4$  proceed at once to add the  $Am_2C_2O_4$ , heat and test for  $CO_2$ .

*Hydrogen oxalate*, or *oxalic acid* ( $H_2C_2O_4$ , or crystallised  $H_2C_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ ), when heated in a glass tube closed at one end partly sublimes unaltered, and is partly decomposed, yielding vapours which cause coughing; it yields reactions in pars. (317) and (319). It dissolves in water to an acid, poisonous liquid.

TARTRATES } For a neutral Tartrate use  $Na_2\bar{T} \cdot 2H_2O$   
 $(-C_4H_4O_6$ , or  $-''\bar{T}$ ). } or  $KNa\bar{T}$ . For an acid tartrate  
 use  $H_2\bar{T}$  or  $NaHT$ .

320. A solid tartrate or solid  $H_2\bar{T}$  when heated strongly in a tube chars, giving off a smell of burnt sugar.

321. A solid tartrate or solid  $H_2\bar{T}$  heated with strong  $H_2SO_4$  blackens, giving off a mixture of  $CO$ ,  $CO_2$  and  $SO_2$ .

322.  $AgNO_3$  gives with solution of a neutral tartrate a white curdy precipitate ( $Ag_2\bar{T}$ ), soluble in  $AmHO$  and in  $HNO_3$ . Allow some of the above precipitate ( $Ag_2\bar{T}$ ) to settle in a test-tube, and pour off as much of the liquid from above it as possible; then pour very dilute  $AmHO$  drop by drop into the tube, until the precipitate, after being shaken up with the liquid, is nearly but *not quite* dissolved: then heat the test-tube gradually and gently (best by immersing it in a

beaker of cold water and slowly raising its temperature to 60°), a brilliant mirror of Ag will form on the interior of the tube. If the liquid, instead of being slowly raised to 60°, be quickly boiled, the Ag deposits as a black precipitate which is not so characteristic.

**323.**  $CaCl_2$  precipitates from a neutral tartrate solution white or crystalline  $Ca\bar{T}$ : the precipitate often separates only after shaking the liquid well and letting it stand for a time; it is soluble in acids, and its formation is retarded by  $AmCl$  and other  $Am$ -salts. This precipitate is soluble in strong cold  $KHO$ ,\* is reprecipitated by boiling, but dissolves again more or less completely on cooling.

Decant the liquid from the precipitate and pour upon the precipitate a little very dilute  $AmHO$  in a test-tube, drop in a crystal of  $AgNO_3$  and warm carefully as in par. (322). A silver mirror forms on the part of the glass on which the  $AgNO_3$  rests.

**324.**  $KCl$  (or better  $K\bar{A}$ ) if added to solution of  $H_2\bar{T}$  or an acid tartrate, gives on stirring or shaking a white crystalline precipitate ( $KHT$ ). If  $HA$  is added at the same time, the precipitate may also be obtained with neutral tartrates. Addition of alcohol assists the formation of the precipitate, which is soluble in alkalis and in mineral acids.

**325.** If a few drops of  $Fe_2Cl_6$  solution be added to  $H_2\bar{T}$  or  $KNa\bar{T}$  solution, then  $KHO$  (or  $AmHO$ ) until the liquid is strongly alkaline, no precipitate forms. The precipitation of several other metals (e.g., Al, Mn, Cu) by alkalis is similarly prevented by  $H_2\bar{T}$ : this is owing to the formation of a double tartrate of the alkali-and the other metal, which salt is not decomposed by an alkali.

*Hydrogen tartrate*, or *tartaric acid* ( $H_2\bar{T}$ ), occurs in colourless crystals which do not alter in the air; they taste pleasantly acid, and dissolve in water and in alcohol. They are detected by heating them alone or with strong  $H_2SO_4$  (320, 321): if dissolved and neutralised they also yield the reactions in (322, 323).

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\* A milkiness remaining, however, if the potash solution contains carbonate.

**ACETATES** (-'C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, or -'A).—Use NaA. 3H<sub>2</sub>O.

**326.** Solid NaA if strongly heated blackens, giving off a peculiar smell and a vapour (acetone) which burns with a bright flame when kindled.

**327.** Heated with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> vapour of HA is given off, recognised by its pungent smell (that of vinegar). If alcohol be first added to the NaA then strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the mixture warmed, a fragrant smell of ethyl-acetate (EtA) is emitted; it is most decided when the liquid is shaken after cooling for a short time.

**328.** Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> added in small quantity to a little NaA dissolved in water, gives a deep red colour: on boiling the solution, made neutral but not alkaline with AmHO (if necessary), all the Fe separates as a light brown precipitate and the liquid becomes colourless. The red colour of the solution before being boiled is changed to yellow by addition of HCl (difference from the coloration due to sulphocyanide).

*Hydrogen acetate, or acetic acid (HA).*—“Glacial acetic acid” is at 17° C. a colourless crystalline substance, possessing (especially when heated) a very pungent smell, and giving inflammable vapour: it is strongly acid. It dissolves in water readily, imparting its peculiar smell to the liquid in a mild degree. The acid is completely volatile without decomposition.

**329.** The above organic acid-radicles may be specially tested for by any of their reactions; (318) being generally used to test for an oxalate in solution, (317) or (319) when it is solid; a tartrate is best detected in solution by reaction (322) or (323), or if solid by (320); an acetate is found by (326) or (327).

\* \* \* After completing the reactions for the acid-radicles the student may proceed to try the preliminary examinations of solid substances for metals and acid-radicles, as directed in paragraphs (375-377), unless he is intending only to learn the analysis of simple salts, when he proceeds to Section V. (330 *et seq.*)

## SECTION V.

### ANALYSIS OF SIMPLE SUBSTANCES CONTAINING ONE METAL AND ONE ACID-RADICLE.\*

*Note.*—This section may be neglected by a student who is proceeding through the senior analytical course.

330. The ordinary method of proceeding to detect the metal or acid-radicle or both in a simple substance, is to make a few preliminary experiments, which will usually give some idea as to what substance is present, and will occasionally even detect metal or acid-radicle, or both of them, with certainty. If the composition of the substance has not been satisfactorily proved by this preliminary examination, the next process is to endeavour to dissolve the substance, if it is not already in the liquid form, in water or acids: then by adding to the solution certain group-reagents in the proper order of succession, it is found to which Analytical Group the metal present belongs. The following Table gives the analytical groups for metals, each group being headed by its distinctive number, name, and group-reagent:—

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\* Two metals may occasionally be present, as when an alum, or tartar-emetic  $[K(SbO)T]$ , is given for analysis; also there may be two acid-radicles in the liquids given for analysis, since a salt insoluble in water is occasionally dissolved in an acid: but the student should always be informed of this if it in any way complicates the analysis. It will not usually do so, since in the most commonly occurring case, that of an alkaline earth phosphate dissolved in HCl, the ( $-PO_4^{2-}$ ) is detected in Group III. and accordingly no other acid-radicle is looked for.

Table showing the Analytical

<p><i>Note</i>.—It will be noticed that there are two divisions of Groups II. and III. In analysis it is usual to separate the two divisions of Group II., after having separated the whole group from the remaining groups; the two divisions of Group III. are by some analysts precipitated together and subsequently separated; they are, however, often precipitated separately, and treated as distinct groups.</p>	<p>Metals whose chlorides are insoluble in water and dilute acids, and which are therefore precipitated from their solutions by hydrochloric acid.</p>	<p>Metals whose sulphides are insoluble in dilute acids, and which are therefore precipitated from acid solutions by sulphuretted hydrogen.</p>
	<p>Group I. Hydrochloric Acid Group. Silver Group.</p>	<p>Group II. Sulphuretted Hydrogen Group.</p>

1.	2.	3.
<p>[Lead : : : (Pb)] Silver : : : (Ag) Mercurousm. : : : (Hg')</p>	<p>Mercuricm. (Hg'') Lead : : : (Pb) Bismuth : : : (Bi) Copper : : : (Cu) Cadmium : : : (Cd)</p>	<p>Tin : : : (Sn) Arsenic : : : (As) Antimony : : : (Sb)</p>

After discovering to which analytical group the metal present belongs, it is identified by the properties or appearance of the group-precipitate, and its presence confirmed, if necessary, by special tests made on the precipitate or on another portion of the "original solution."\*

The examination for the acid-radicle, if it has not been already detected during the examination for the metal, is carried out in a less systematic manner. A few preliminary experiments are first performed, and if these do not detect the acid-radicle, it is found, partly by a systematic examination including that described above for the detection of the metal, but more commonly by special tests.

A substance insoluble in water and in acids is examined according to the special directions in (367-369).

Since in these analyses only one metal and one acid-radicle are to be looked for, the examination for the metal is carried no further when one metal has been detected with certainty, and the examination for the acid-radicle is similarly at an end

\* By the "original solution" is meant the solution of the substance, or the substance itself if a liquid is under analysis, to which no reagent has been added.

*Classification of the Metals.*

Metals which are precipitated, either as hydrates or as sulphides, from their solutions made alkaline with ammonia, by ammonium sulphide or sulphuretted hydrogen.		Metals whose carbonates are precipitated by addition of ammonium carbonate.	Metals whose solutions are not precipitated by any of the foregoing group-reagents in the presence of ammonium chloride.
{ GROUP II. Ammonia and Ammonium-Sulphide Group.		{ GROUP IV. Ammonium-Carbonate Group. Barium Group.	{ GROUP V. Potassium Group.
GROUP III. Ammonia Group. Iron Group.	GROUP III. a. Ammonium Sulphide Group. Zinc Group.		
Aluminum (Al) Iron . . (Fe) Chromium (Cr)	Zinc . . (Zn) Manganese (Mn) Nickel . . (Ni) Cobalt . . (Co)	Barium . . (Ba) Strontium . . (Sr) Calcium . . (Ca)	Ammonium . . (NH <sub>4</sub> ) Potassium . . (K) Sodium . . (Na) Magnesium . . (Mg)
4.	5.	6.	7.

when the presence of one such radicle has been satisfactorily proved. It must, however, be understood that substances given for analysis are liable to contain impurities which will yield only slight corresponding precipitates; if in the course of analysis, therefore, *only a slight precipitate* is obtained, proceed until some substance is detected in larger quantity, entering against the small precipitate "Trace of —."

The separation and washing of a precipitate by "decantation" (23 b, 24 b) is recommended wherever it is possible, as this process is more easily performed than that of filtration (23 a): if a precipitate, however, refuses to settle after heating and shaking the liquid, filtration must usually be resorted to.

For examples of substances to be given for analysis by Section V., see par. 537.

\* \* Note.—The numbers in brackets refer to the paragraphs in the text, in which tests or processes to be employed by the student are fully described.

*Caution.*—In every analysis each result must be fully entered in the note-book *as soon as the experiment has been performed*. The form of entry being the same as that adopted for the directions in the text.

The substance given for analysis may be either a solid or a liquid. If it is a solid examine by A (331 *et seq.*), if a liquid by B (334 *et seq.*)

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#### A.—THE SUBSTANCE GIVEN FOR ANALYSIS IS A SOLID.

**331.** Make a careful examination of the properties of the substance, noting down its colour, its smell if it possesses any, also its form—whether it is in powder, crystals, or non-crystalline pieces: note carefully also any appearance or property which may strike you on examining the substance with the naked eye or with the assistance of a lens.

If the substance possesses a metallic lustre or appearance, work as directed under (366): if it is not metallic in appearance, proceed to ascertain its solubility by the directions contained in par. 332, and, according to the result thus obtained, conduct the further analysis of the substance by par. 333 or by par. 367.

## SOLUBILITY OF THE SUBSTANCE.

**332.** Since the method of examination of a solid substance depends upon whether it is soluble or insoluble in water or acids, the following experiments are tried.

Place a small quantity of the finely powdered substance in a broad test-tube or a boiling-tube, fill the tube about one-third with water, and heat to boiling:—

<b>1. The substance dissolves.</b>		<i>The substance does not dissolve:</i> heat a fresh portion with strong HCl to boiling, if it does not dissolve add water and boil:—
After examining a portion of the solid substance by the preliminary tests (333) proceed to examine the colour and reaction of the liquid to litmus by (334, I., II.), and refer to (335) for directions for analysis.	<b>2. The substance dissolves.</b>  (See note below.)	<i>The substance does not dissolve:</i> put aside the test-tube containing the substance with HCl, and boil a fresh portion of the substance with strong HNO <sub>3</sub> ; if it is not dissolved, add water and boil:—
<i>Absence of Group I.</i>  After examining a portion of the solid substance by the preliminary tests (333) proceed to examine the HCl solution (after noting its colour, see 334, I.) for the metal by (336-346). Examine a fresh portion for the acid-radicle by (343 et seq.)	<b>3. The substance dissolves.</b>  After examining a portion of the solid substance by the preliminary tests (333) examine the HNO <sub>3</sub> solution (after noting its colour, see 334, I.) for the metal by (336 et seq.) taking care after testing for Group I. by HCl to boil down considerably in a porcelain dish after adding a little strong HCl,* and then add diluted HCl before testing for Group II. by H <sub>2</sub> S.	<i>The substance does not dissolve:</i> mix together the contents of the two tubes in which the substance was heated with HCl and with HNO <sub>3</sub> , and heat the mixture:—
  <i>[Note. — The results mentioned in (346) may be here obtained, if any one of them occurs it should be noted down; observe especially whether any effervescence occurs with HCl.]</i>	  Examine a fresh portion of the substance for acids by (334 et seq.)	<b>4. The substance dissolves.</b>  After examining a portion of the solid substance by the preliminary tests (333 et seq.) examining the solution in HNO <sub>3</sub> and HCl mixed, as directed in the preceding column (332, 3) for the metal, and a fresh portion of the substance for acid-radicles by (343 et seq.)
		<b>5. The substance does not dissolve.</b>  Examine a fresh portion of the substance by (367).

\* This method of proceeding removes HNO<sub>3</sub>, which would cause with H<sub>2</sub>S a deposit of S.

## THE SUBSTANCE IS SOLUBLE IN WATER OR ACIDS.

### 333. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

The Table is thus arranged: in the first column is placed the experiment to be made; in the second a list of the results, any one or more of which may be observed; and in the third the inferences to be drawn from the results. Confirmatory or supplementary experiments are occasionally entered.

A more complete preliminary examination will be found in (387-408).

Experiment.	Observation.			Inference.																
I. Heat a portion of the substance in an ignition-tube, or in a small dry test-tube.	1. The substance does not change . . .			Absence of volatile, fusible and organic substances, and of water.																
	2. The substance changes colour:— <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yellow,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">hot.</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">White,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">cold.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yellow-brown,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">"</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Yellow,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Dark red or brown,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">}</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Red brown,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">"</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">" ,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">"</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">" ,</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">"</td> </tr> </table>			Yellow,	hot.	White,	cold.	Yellow-brown,	"	Yellow,	"	Dark red or brown,	}	Red brown,	"	" ,	"	" ,	"	ZnO PbO, SnO <sub>2</sub> or Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
Yellow,	hot.	White,	cold.																	
Yellow-brown,	"	Yellow,	"																	
Dark red or brown,	}	Red brown,	"																	
" ,	"	" ,	"																	
	3. The substance fuses easily . . .			Probable presence of a salt of Na or K, possibly also of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg.																
	4. The substance sublimes . . .			Presence of a salt of NH <sub>4</sub> , As, or Hg; possibly also of H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , of S (yellow), and of I (purple vapour). NH <sub>4</sub> is found by the following confirmatory test,—As is detected in Exp. V., Hg may be found by (147), or its detection may be omitted here.																
<i>Confirmatory.</i> —If a sublimate forms, boil another portion of the substance with KHO solution.	A smell of NH <sub>3</sub> is evolved, and white fumes appear when a rod moistened with strong HCl is held to the mouth of the tube.			Presence of NH <sub>4</sub> . If NH <sub>4</sub> is found here, the examination for the metal need not be further continued.																
	5. The substance blackens, and gives off CO <sub>2</sub> , which makes a drop of lime-water on a glass-rod milky.			Presence of an organic acid-radicle, probably A or T: the last is known by a smell of burnt sugar. The organic acid-radicle is united with K, Na, Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg.																
	If the cool residue in the tube effervesces with HCl, whereas the original substance did not.																			

*Preliminary Examination—continued.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
	<p>6. Gas or vapour is given off: smell the vapour:— Red nitrous fumes, recognized by their smell <math>\text{SO}_2</math>, known by its smell and by turning <math>\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7</math> solution green.</p> <p>Cl, Br, I, known by smell and colour: Br and I by action on starch-paste, and Cl by bleaching moist litmus. A slip of wood with a spark at its end, glows brightly or bursts into flame.</p>	From nitrate of a heavy metal. From combustion of free S or sulphide; possibly also from a sulphate or sulphite. From certain chlorides, bromides, or iodides, also free I. O from chlorate or nitrate, or $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ from decomposition of $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ .
II. Dip into the powdered substance a moistened loop of platinum-wire, and hold the loop in the Bunsen flame; moisten with strong HCl, and again hold in the flame.	<p>1. The flame is not coloured . . . .</p> <p>2. The flame is coloured:— <i>Intense yellow.</i> <i>Pale-violet, appearing violet-red through the indigo-prism</i> <i>Red</i> { <i>Appearing green through the indigo-prism</i> <i>Appearing intense-red through the indigo-prism</i> <i>Yellowish-green</i> <i>Green</i> { <i>Bright-green, with blue centre</i> <i>after moistening with HCl</i> <i>Green</i> <i>Blue</i> { <i>Pale-blue (livid)</i> <i>Vivid-blue</i></p> <p>The gas burns at the mouth of the tube; note the colour of the flame:— <i>Pale greyish-green</i> . . . .</p> <p><i>Bright, white</i> . . . .</p> <p><i>Purple</i> . . . .</p>	Probable absence of the substances enumerated below. Presence of Na. " K. " Ca. " Sr. " Ba. " Cu. " $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ . Presence of As, Sb, Pb. " $\text{CuCl}_2$ . Presence of $\text{NH}_3$ , probably from strongly heated $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ . Presence of $\text{PH}_3$ , probably from a hypophosphite; the unburnt gas smells of garlic. Presence of Cy from a cyanogen compound, probably $\text{HgCy}_2$ .
III. Heat a portion of the substance in a cavity scooped in charcoal, in the blowpipe flame.	<p>1. The charcoal "deflagrates," or burns rapidly. 2. A white mass is left in the charcoal which does not fuse, and shines brightly when strongly heated.</p>	Presence of a nitrate or chloride. Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg, Al, or Zn.

*Preliminary Examination—continued.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
<i>Confirmatory.</i> — Detach a small portion of the unfused white mass, place it on red litmus-paper and moisten it with a drop of water.	The red paper becomes blue in a short time where the substance rests.	Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, or possibly of Mg.
<i>Confirmatory.</i> — If the moist residue is not alkaline to test-paper, moisten the remainder on the charcoal with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution and heat again strongly in the blowpipe flame.	A <i>blue</i> residue . . . . . A <i>pink</i> residue : : : : : A <i>green</i> residue : : : : :	Presence of Al, or possibly of a phosphate, silicate, or borate. Presence of Mg. " Zn.
	3. The residue is not white, and does not consist of globules of metal, neither is there any incrustation formed upon the charcoal; proceed to Exp. IV. 4. The residue contains metallic globules or an incrustation forms on the charcoal; proceed to Exp. V., omitting Exp. IV.	
IV. Fuse a small quantity * of the substance into a clear borax bead first in the inner then in the outer flame, noting in both cases the colour of the bead whilst hot and when cold.	The bead is colourless when heated in both flames. The bead is coloured:—  In outer flame. Blue, hot; green, cold. Blue, hot and cold. Brown, or <i>dingy</i> -purple hot; <i>light-brown</i> , cold. Brown, hot; <i>yellow</i> , cold. Green, † hot and cold. Purple, hot and cold.	Absence of the metals below.  Presence of Cu. " Co. " NL " Fe. " Cr. " Mn.
<i>Confirmatory.</i> — The presence of Cr or Mn may be confirmed by fusing a portion of the substance on platinum foil or wire with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KNO}_3$ .	A <i>yellow</i> mass on cooling . . . . . A <i>bluish-green</i> mass on cooling . . . . .	" Cr. " Mn.

\* It is necessary to adjust carefully the quantity of substance fused into the bead; if too much is used, the bead will often appear opaque; if too little is employed, one of the metals may escape detection. It is best at first to fuse only a minute quantity into the bead, adding more if no colour, or but a faint colour, is produced.

† Cr if present as a chromate gives a bead *brown* whilst hot, after having been fused in the outer blowpipe flame; but this brown colour is not reproduced in the case of Cr when the bead, after becoming green by being heated in the inner flame, is again heated in the outer flame.

*Preliminary Examination—continued.*

Experiment.	Observation.				Inference.
V. Mix the substance in a small cavity on wood-charcoal with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KC}_y$ , and heat strongly in the inner blowpipe flame for several minutes.	Metallic scales or globules are obtained, or an incrustation on the charcoal:—				
<i>Confirmatory.</i> —If metallic globules are obtained, detach one and strike it sharply on the bottom of an inverted mortar with the pestle, and note whether it is crushed to powder ( <i>brittle</i> ) or merely flattened out into a cake ( <i>malleable</i> ).	<i>Globules.</i>	<i>Incrustation.</i>			Presence of Sb. " Bl. " Cu. " Pb.
If the globules are white and malleable, take one upon the point of a pen-knife and see if it will mark paper as a black-lead pencil does.	<i>White and brittle.</i> <i>White and brittle.</i> <i>Red and malleable.</i> <i>White and malleable</i> marking paper easily <i>White and malleable</i> not marking paper, and readily fusible. <i>White and malleable</i> not marking paper, fusible only with difficulty.	<i>White</i> <i>Yellow</i> <i>None</i> <i>Yellow</i> <i>None</i> <i>None</i>	:	:	
	<i>None.</i>	<i>Yellow whilst hot;</i> <i>white</i> when cold; becomes green when moistened with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution and re-heated in the outer flame.			" Zn. " Cd. " As.
	<i>None.</i> <i>None.</i>	<i>Brown</i> <i>White;</i> on smelling the charcoal, a smell of onions is perceived.	:	:	

After the completion of the preliminary tests for the metal, a solution of the substance is made according to the directions in par. (332), and this solution is examined as there directed.

## B.—THE SUBSTANCE FOR ANALYSIS IS A LIQUID.

## 334. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

*Note.*—The experiments or observations which are to be made on the liquid are stated in succession in the first column: opposite to these there are drawn out in the second column the results, any one of which may be obtained; and corresponding to these in the third column are given the inferences to be drawn from each of these results.

Observation or experiment to be made.	Result of observation or experiment.	Inference to be drawn from the result.
I. Note the colour of the liquid.  <i>Note.</i> —If the colour has to be observed by night it should be examined by the white light obtained by burning a piece of magnesium - ribbon. Delicate tints are best seen by looking through some thickness of the liquid at a sheet of perfectly white paper.	<p><i>Pink</i> { Very delicate . . . .</p> <p>{ Intense . . . .</p> <p><i>Green</i> { Very delicate . . . .</p> <p>{ Intense . . . .</p> <p><i>Yellow</i> { Reddish-yellow . . . .</p> <p>{ Light yellow . . . .</p> <p><i>Blue</i> . . . .</p> <p><i>Violet</i> (or purple) . . . .</p> <p>The liquid is colourless . . . .</p>	Presence of Mn or dilute Co solution. Presence of Co. " Fe" or dilute Ni or Cr solution. " Ni, Cr, or Cu solution. " Fe" or a bichromate. " Neutral chromate. Cu. " Cr or a Permanaganate. Absence of Co, Ni, Cr, Cu, &c.
II. Dip pieces of red and blue litmus-paper into the liquid.	<p><i>It is neutral</i> (Not affecting the colour of either paper.)</p> <p><i>It is acid</i> (Turning blue paper red.)</p> <p><i>Note.</i>—If, on adding <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math> to a part of the solution and warming, no effervescence occurs, free acid and acid salt are absent.</p> <p><i>It is alkaline</i> (Turning red paper blue.)</p> <p><i>Note.</i>—If the colour of the paper becomes only slightly changed it indicates, probably, the presence of an alkaline salt.</p>	Absence of free acids and alkalis, and of all salts but some of those of Am, Na, K, Mg, Ba, Sr, Ca, Ag. Presence of a free acid, of an acid salt, or of a salt with acid reaction. Presence of a hydrate of K, Na, Am, Ca, Sr, or Ba, or of a salt with alkaline reaction.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION—*continued.*

Observation or experiment to be made.	Result of observation or experiment.	Inference to be drawn from the result.
III. Evaporate (31) some of the liquid upon a thin watch-glass,* heated very gently by supporting it some inches above a small flame upon a piece of wire gauze, or by means of a sand or water bath. If a residue remains on the glass bring this gradually into the flame and heat it more strongly.	A residue is left  On being strongly heated the residue blackens and emits a smell of burning. The smell resembles that of burning sugar. <i>Note.</i> —If the cold residue after ignition effervesces with a drop of HCl, whereas the unignited residue did not, the organic acid-radicle is united with Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg, Na, or K. [The results in Exp. I., 1, 2, 3, 5, par. 333, may be here observed and should be noted.]  No residue is left  <i>Note.</i> —If the liquid is also colourless, tasteless, and without action on litmus-paper it must consist only of distilled water, and no further examination of it need be made. If the liquid is alkaline NH <sub>3</sub> must be looked for; if it is acid, H <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> , HCl, HNO <sub>3</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , and other volatile acids only need be tested for.	Presence of some dissolved solid. Pres. of $\bar{A}$ , $\bar{O}$ , or $\bar{T}$ . Pres. of $T$ .
IV. Add excess of strong NaOH or KOH solution and boil (51).	Smell of NH <sub>3</sub> ; moist red litmus is turned blue, and a rod moistened with strong HCl produces white fumes when held in the mouth of the test-tube.	Absence of any dissolved solid.  Presence of Am. No further test need be tried for a metal if Am is detected here.
V. Dip a loop of platinum wire into the liquid and hold it in the Bunsen-flame (32); note the colour of the flame, then moisten the loop with a drop of strong HCl, and hold again in the flame.	The flame is coloured: <i>Intense yellow</i> <i>Pale violet</i> ,† violet red when seen through the indigo-prism <i>Red</i> { Appearig green through the indigo-prism Appearig intense red through the indigo-prism <i>Green</i> { Yellowish-green Bright-green <i>Blue</i> { Pale (livid) Vivid	Presence of Na. ,, K. ,, Ca. ,, Sr. ,, Ba. ,, B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , Cu (usually blue in centre.) ,, As, Sb, Pb. ,, CuCl <sub>2</sub> .

\* A piece of thin glass from the side of a broken flask is a cheap and useful substitute for a watch-glass.

† This colour is often rendered somewhat indefinite by the presence of a trace of Na. K is then found by the indigo-prism (49) or spectroscope.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION—*continued.*

Observation or experiment to be made.	Result of observation or experiment.			Inference to be drawn from the result.
VI. Make a clear borax bead in a platinum wire loop (31); dip it into a small quantity of the liquid contained in a watch-glass,* then fuse it in the outer and inner blowpipe flames; observe the colour of the bead carefully both whilst hot and when cold.	The bead is colourless both hot and cold, after having been heated in both flames . . .			Absence of the metals below.
	The bead is coloured:— In outer flame. <i>Blue</i> , hot; <i>green</i> , cold. <i>Blue</i> , hot and cold. <i>Brown</i> or <i>dusky</i> — <i>purple</i> , hot; <i>light brown</i> , cold. <i>Brown</i> , hot; <i>yellow</i> , cold. <i>Green</i> , hot and cold. <i>Purple</i> , hot and cold.	In inner flame. <i>Red</i> or <i>colourless</i> . . . <i>Blue</i> , hot and cold . . . <i>Grey</i> or <i>black</i> . . . <i>{</i> <i>Bottle-green</i> , hot and cold . . . <i>Green</i> , hot and cold . . . <i>Colourless</i> . . .		Presence of Cu. " Co. " Ni. " Fe. " Cr. } See VI a. " Mn. }
VII a. <i>Confirmatory.</i> — The presence of Cr. and Mn may be confirmed, if detected by the borax bead, by moistening a mixture of a little solid $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and $\text{KNO}_3$ on platinum foil with a few drops of the original solution, drying by gently heating it at a short distance above the flame, and then fusing by directing the blowpipe flame on the lower surface of the foil.	A yellow mass on cooling (105) . . .			Presence of Cr.
	A bluish-green mass on cooling (119) . . .		"	Mn.

## EXAMINATION FOR THE METAL.

335. If the original liquid leaves a residue on evaporation (334, III.), and is neutral or acid to litmus-paper (334, II.), examine as directed under I. (336 *et seq.*); if it is alkaline work by II. (359).

The method of analysis given below will be best understood by a reference to the Table of Analytical Classification of the metals (pp. 168, 169): the list of metals possibly present, which is entered here at the head of each Group Table, will be seen to correspond with the groups in that table.

\* If the solution is very dilute, a portion of it should be evaporated nearly to dryness in a small porcelain dish before the bead is dipped into it; if after dipping the bead once and fusing, no colour is seen, it should be wetted once more with the solution and dried in the flame, and this process should be several times repeated before again fusing the bead.

† Cr, if present as a chromate, gives a bead *brown* while hot after having been fused in the outer blowpipe flame, but becoming permanently green in both flames after having been heated in the inner flame.

## I. THE LIQUID IS NEUTRAL OR ACID TO LITMUS.

**336. Examination for Group I. (Pb, Ag, Hg').**—To a portion of the liquid add HCl in excess (35 a), and note any change which occurs (see note 1). If a white precipitate forms,\* add more HCl and heat for a moment to boiling, then cool at once: if any precipitate remains, work as directed under the left-hand column; if no precipitate remains, refer to the right-hand column (note 2).

A white precipitate forms (see note 3), and is either not dissolved when boiled with HCl, or dissolves and reappears on cooling the liquid (showing the Presence of Pb). The precipitate may consist of AgCl, PbCl<sub>2</sub>, Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Let the precipitate settle and decant the liquid (see note 4): boil the precipitate in the test-tube with AmHO (see note 5):—

1. The precipitate dissolves, at least in part (see note below):—

*Presence of Ag.*

Confirm by adding excess of HNO<sub>3</sub> to the AmHO solution, a milkiness appears:

*Presence of Ag.*

*Note.*—Coagulated AgCl often dissolves only slowly in AmHO.

2. The precipitate does not dissolve:—

The colour of the precipitate is unchanged:—

*Presence of Pb.*

Confirm by decanting the liquid, dissolving the precipitate in H<sub>2</sub>O, and adding K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> to the solution; a yellow precipitate:—

*Presence of Pb.*

*Note.*—The presence of Pb is also confirmed by the precipitate with HCl dissolving on boiling and reappearing on cooling.

The precipitate becomes black:—

*Presence of Hg' (Mercurosum).*

Confirm by immersing a bright slip of copper in a portion of the original solution, made acid with a few drops of HNO<sub>3</sub>; a grey deposit forms on the Cu, which becomes white and bright when rubbed:—

*Presence of Hg' (Mercurosum).*

No precipitate forms, or a precipitate forms in the cold, but disappears on boiling after addition of more HCl, and does not reappear on cooling the liquid:—

*Absence of Ag, and probably of Pb and Hg'.*

*Note.*—Hg' may possibly be passed over in this group, since Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> is dissolved as HgCl<sub>2</sub> very readily when warmed with HCl and HNO<sub>3</sub>, and slowly when boiled with HCl alone. Hence it is most safe to examine some of the original precipitate (before it has been boiled with HCl) by the first column.

Pass on to (387).

*Note 1.*—Effervescence may be noticed on the addition of HCl, owing to certain gases being evolved, a list of which will be found in (349): some of them are readily detected by their smell or colour, but special tests need not be tried, as they will be afterwards used in the Preliminary Examination for acid-radicals (345 *et seq.*): the fact that a gas is evolved should however always be noted down, even if the nature of the gas is not ascertained.

A yellow liquid whose colour is due to the presence of a neutral chromate turns reddish-yellow on addition of HCl: this confirms the presence of a chromate.

*Note 2.*—A white precipitate which disappears on boiling after addition of more HCl, and does not reappear on cooling, may consist of BiOCl or SbOCl. A little of the milky liquid produced by the first

\* Yellow S may separate from a theiosulphate (see 349, 2): this precipitate requires no further examination.

addition of HCl should be mixed with H<sub>2</sub>T solution, if the precipitate consists of SbOCl it will disappear, BiOCl is not thus dissolved.

*Note 3.*—A colourless, gelatinous precipitate of hydrated SiO<sub>2</sub> may form here: confirm the presence of SiO<sub>2</sub> by evaporating a portion of the original solution to dryness with HCl, and warming the residue with HCl: a residue insoluble in HCl proves the presence of SiO<sub>2</sub>; filter or decant from the residue of SiO<sub>2</sub>, and employ the HCl solution to detect the metal present by (337 *et seq.*)

*Note 4.*—In this and all subsequent places where decantation of the liquid is recommended, it should be understood that a precipitate will usually settle if the liquid is well shaken or heated and allowed to stand for several minutes. (See 23 b.)

*Note 5.*—In case the liquid cannot be completely decanted, add the AmHO in excess to the liquid in which the precipitate is suspended.

**337. Examination for Group II. (Hg, Pb, Bi, Cu, Cd, Sn, As, Sb).**—To the above portion of the solution, made acid with HCl and boiled until free from Cl or SO<sub>2</sub>, if these gases are evolved on heating, add water; a milkiness due to precipitation of BiOCl or SbOCl may result, SbOCl being distinguished from BiOCl by a few drops of the liquid becoming clear on addition of H<sub>2</sub>T solution. Whether a milkiness has been produced or not by water, add strong H<sub>2</sub>S-water or pass H<sub>2</sub>S until the liquid after having been well shaken smells strongly of the gas, and heat gently (see note 1 below): if no precipitate forms, heat to boiling, since Sn (as stannicium) and As (as arsenicum) are only precipitated by H<sub>2</sub>S on boiling; if a precipitate has formed examine it by the following Table; if none has appeared, or only a white milkiness due to precipitation of sulphur (see note 2 below), the absence of Hg, Pb, Bi, Cu, Cd, Sn, As, and Sb is proved: pass on to (338).

*Note 1.*—Certain changes in the colour of the precipitate may be noticed if the H<sub>2</sub>S is slowly added: thus Hg gives a precipitate which is at first white, then yellow, brown, and ultimately black; Pb, in strongly-acid solutions, gives a red precipitate, becoming black on addition of water and more H<sub>2</sub>S.

*Note 2.*—Characteristic changes of colour of the solution often accompany the separation of sulphur; thus

A reddish-yellow solution changing to pale green indicates a ferric salt.

A reddish-yellow     ,,     ,,     green     ,,     chromate.

A green     ,,     ,,     colourless     ,,     manganate.

A purple     ,,     ,,     colourless     ,,     permanganate.

The precipitated S need not be examined.

Note the colour of the precipitate yielded by  $H_2S$ , and examine it according to 1, 2, or 3, below:—

**1. The precipitate is dark-brown or black;** it may consist of  $SnS$ ,  $CuS$ ,  $HgS$ ,  $Bi_2S_3$ ,  $PbS$ .

Add pure  $NaOH$  in excess to the liquid and precipitate, or to the precipitate alone after decanting the liquid if possible (see note 4, p. 180), and boil:—

**The precipitate dissolves:** to a portion of the  $NaOH$  solution add  $HCl$  in excess, brown  $SnS$  is reprecipitated. Boil another portion after adding a little yellow  $Am_2S$ ; then add  $HCl$  in excess, a yellow precipitate of  $SnS_2$ :—

*Presence of  $Sn^{IV}$*

(Stannous). [The presence of  $Sn^{IV}$  may also be confirmed by adding  $HgCl_2$  to a part of the original solution, a white precipitate shows *Presence of  $Sn^{IV}$* .]

**The precipitate does not dissolve:** it may consist of  $CuS$ ,  $HgS$ ,  $Bi_2S_3$ ,  $PbS$ .

*a.* **The original solution is blue or green,** and becomes intensely blue on addition of excess of  $AmHO$ :—*Presence of Cu.* Confirm by adding a few drops of  $H_2SO_4$  to the original solution, and dipping into it a bright knife blade or piece of steel, a red film of  $Cu$  deposits:—*Presence of Cu.*

*Note.*—To detect small quantities of  $Cu$  the  $K_4CfY$  test (In 163) should be used.

*b.* **The original solution is colourless.** Test in separate portions for  $Hg$ ,  $Bi$ ,  $Pb$  by the following special tests:—

After acidifying with  $HCl$  (if not already acid), immerse in the solution for a few minutes a bright strip of  $Cu$ ; a grey film is deposited, which becomes white and brilliant when rubbed:—

*Presence of  $Hg^{II}$*  (Mercuricum.) [The  $SnCl_2$  test (145) may also be used as confirmatory.]

Pour another portion of the original solution into much cold distilled water; a white precipitate or milkiness:—

*Presence of  $Bi$ .*

*Note.*—If  $Bi$  is suspected and no milkiness appears, add excess of  $AmHO$  to the liquid;  $Bi$  (if present) falls as hydrate, filter, pour one or two drops of boiling  $HCl$  upon the precipitate, and let them drop through into large excess of water; a milkiness on stirring shows *Presence of Bi*.

To a portion add  $H_2SO_4$ , a white precipitate:—

*Presence of Pb.* [The presence of  $Pb$  may be confirmed by adding to a part of the original solution  $AmHO$  in excess, then  $HA$  in excess, then  $K_2CrO_4$ . A yellow precipitate shows *Presence of Pb*.]

**2. The precipitate is yellow:** it may consist of  $CdS$ ,  $As_2S_3$ ,  $SnS_2$ :—

Boil the precipitate with  $NaOH$  in excess, after decanting the liquid if possible:—

**The precipitate does not dissolve:** it is bright yellow and pulverulent—

*Presence of Cd.*

[The presence of  $Cd$  may be confirmed by showing that the precipitate produced by  $H_2S$  dissolves on being boiled with dilute  $H_2SO_4$ .]

**The precipitate dissolves:** it may consist of  $As_2S_3$  or  $SnS_2$ ; examine portions of the original solution as directed below:—

Acidify a portion with  $HCl$ , and place in it a piece of  $Zn$  resting on a piece of platinum foil:  $Sn$  is deposited on the  $Zn$ :—

*Presence of  $Sn^{IV}$*  (Stannicium).

[The deposit of  $Sn$  may be detached from the  $Zn$ , and dissolved by boiling it in a test-tube with a little strong  $HCl$ , then  $HgCl_2$  added; a white precipitate confirms

*Presence of  $Sn^{IV}$* .]

Acidify a portion with strong  $HCl$ , immerse in it some pieces of bright  $Cu$  and boil, a black film is deposited on the  $Cu$ :—

*Presence of As.*

*Note.*—If the yellow precipitate formed by  $H_2S$  appeared at once in the cold, the  $As$  is present as *Arsenousum*; if it formed only on boiling, *Arsenicum* is present.

**3. The precipitate is orange-red:** it may consist of  $Sb_2S_3$ .

Confirm by acidifying a portion of the original solution with  $HCl$ , and immersing in it a piece of  $Zn$  resting on a slip of platinum-foil, a black stain on the platinum (193):—

*Presence of Sb.*

*Note.*—It occasionally happens, if the solution has not been sufficiently diluted, that  $H_2S$  gives a reddish precipitate with  $Pb$ -solution; such a precipitate, however, becomes black on adding more  $H_2S$ -water.

338.—*Examination for Group III.* (Al, Fe, Cr; Zn, Mn, Ni, Co; Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg as phosphate, fluoride, or oxalate; BaCrO<sub>4</sub>).

*Caution.*—It is of the greatest importance to remember that if an organic salt—more especially a tartrate—has been detected in the preliminary examination, and it has not been proved to be a salt of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg, K, or Na, and must therefore be a salt of one of the metals of Group III., the detection of the metal by the directions given below may be hindered or prevented. It is therefore necessary to destroy the organic acid-radicle by evaporating some of the substance to dryness after adding a little strong HNO<sub>3</sub>, and then gently igniting the residue. The residue, when cool, is dissolved by warming with a few drops of HCl, the solution diluted and *this solution is to be substituted for the original solution in the examination for Group III.*

To another portion of the original solution add first AmCl solution, then AmHO in excess; note carefully the colour and appearance of any precipitate (which is probably due to Al, Fe or Cr, but if white or nearly so may be a phosphate, oxalate, &c.), or the colour of the liquid if no precipitate forms (Ni yields a violet coloured liquid); then whether a precipitate has been produced or not, add Am<sub>2</sub>S or better H<sub>2</sub>S, and boil. (See note below.)

*Note.*—If no precipitate forms on addition of AmCl and AmHO, or of Am<sub>2</sub>S, until the liquid is boiled, when a pale-green precipitate is produced, this precipitate is due to the presence of a chromate, which will have been already detected by the liquid turning from yellow to green on addition of H<sub>2</sub>S. The pale green precipitate need not be further examined, but its formation should be noted as confirmatory of the presence of a chromate. Proceed to examine for the metal present by (342).

If a precipitate forms examine it by the table below.\* If

\* White S, separated from the Am<sub>2</sub>S by the action of a ferricyanide or other oxidiser, may here render the liquid milky: it is recognised by

no precipitate forms, the absence of Al, Fe, Cr, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, and of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg as phosphate, oxalate, and probably as fluoride, also of  $\text{BaCrO}_4$ , is proved; pass on to (342).

Note the colour of the precipitate and examine it accordingly by 1 or 2 below.

1. *The precipitate after addition of  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  is black, it may consist of  $\text{FeS}$ ,  $\text{CoS}$ , or  $\text{NiS}$ ; the means of distinguishing these three metals is given below. Note first the colour of the original solution (334, 1).*

<i>a. The colour of the original solution was yellow or reddish-brown:—Presence of <math>\text{Fe}^{''}</math>.</i>	<i>b. The colour of the original solution was pink, or possibly blue becoming pink on dilution: Presence of <math>\text{Co}</math>.</i>	<i>c. The colour of the original solution was green:—Presence of <math>\text{Ni}</math> or <math>\text{Fe}^{''}</math>.</i>
This is confirmed by the precipitate produced by $\text{AmCl}$ and $\text{AmHO}$ in the original solution having been reddish-brown, and becoming black on addition of $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .  As a confirmatory test add to a portion of the original solution (acidified with HCl if necessary), a few drops of $\text{KCyS}$ solution, a blood red coloration, destroyed by $\text{HgCl}_2$ show:—  <i>Presence of <math>\text{Fe}^{''}</math> (Ferricum.)</i>	The presence of Co may be confirmed by adding excess of $\text{KHO}$ to the original solution, a blue precipitate turning red on boiling shows the presence of $\text{Co}$ .  Co will also have been detected by its borax bead (334, VI.)	Note the effect which was produced by the addition of $\text{AmCl}$ and $\text{AmHO}$ :—  <i>A blue solution was produced:—Presence of <math>\text{Ni}</math>.</i>  The presence of Ni may be confirmed by adding excess of $\text{KHO}$ to a part of the original solution, a light green precipitate shows the presence of $\text{Ni}$ .  <i>Ni will also have been detected by its borax bead (334, VI.)</i>  <i>A dingy-green precipitate, which, when shaken round in a porcelain dish and left for several minutes exposed to the air, becomes brown:—Presence of <math>\text{Fe}^{''}</math>.</i>  Confirm by adding $\text{K}_3\text{Cf}_2$ to some of the original solution (acidified with HCl, if necessary); a dark blue precipitate — <i>Presence of <math>\text{Fe}^{''}</math> (Ferrosomus).</i>

2. *The precipitate, after addition of  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , is white or light-coloured.—It may consist of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$ ,  $\text{ZnS}$ ,  $\text{MnS}$ ;*

disappearing again when a small quantity of the milky liquid is warmed with more  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ . Its appearance should be noted, but it is not to be considered as a third group precipitate.

[or of  $\text{BaCrO}_4$ , or Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg, as phosphate, oxalate, fluoride, silicate, or possibly borate]. The substances in brackets can however only be present if the liquid given for analysis was acid in reaction, or if a solid was given which was insoluble in water.

To a small portion of the original solution add KHO drop by drop until a precipitate is produced. (See note below the Table.) Note the colour and appearance of this precipitate, then add a larger quantity of KHO and stir or shake well; one of the following results (*a* or *b*) will be noticed :—

*a. The precipitate at first produced by KHO re-dissolves when the KHO is added in larger quantity;* indicating the presence of Al, Zn, or Cr. Note the appearance of the precipitate :—

<p>A pale green flocculent precipitate, which is reprecipitated from the solution in KHO, when that liquid is diluted and boiled for several minutes, or when it is mixed with AmCl:— <i>Presence of Cr.</i></p> <p>Confirm by boiling some of the green KHO solution with lead-peroxide (<math>\text{PbO}_2</math>), a yellow liquid is obtained, which, if decanted, yields a yellow precipitate on addition of <math>\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}</math> in excess.</p> <p>The colour of the solution and of the borax bead will also have detected Cr.</p> <p><i>Note.—If the Cr was present as a chromate, AmCl and AmHO will have yielded no precipitate; but there will have been a green precipitate on addition of <math>\text{Am}_2\text{S}</math> and heating.</i></p>	<p>A white precipitate, which is re-precipitated from the KHO solution, by addition of a few drops of <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math>-water, but is not reprecipitated by addition of AmCl:— <i>Presence of Zn.</i></p> <p>Confirmed by no precipitate having been produced by AmCl and AmHO, but a white precipitate by addition of <math>\text{Am}_2\text{S}</math>, or of <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math> after AmHO.</p>	<p>A white flocculent precipitate, not reprecipitated from the KHO solution by addition of a few drops of <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math>-water or by boiling, but reprecipitated immediately if sufficient AmCl solution is added:— <i>Presence of Al.</i></p> <p><i>Note.—</i><math>\text{AlPO}_4</math> is precipitated here also, and is soluble in KHO, but differs from <math>\text{Al}_2\text{Hg}_6</math> in being reprecipitated from the KHO solution by addition of excess of <math>\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}</math>; hence if on acidifying the KHO solution with <math>\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}</math> the precipitate reappears, test for <math>\text{PO}_4</math> by (339, 1), if <math>\text{PO}_4</math> is detected the analysis is completed. Further, <math>\text{AlPO}_4</math> is soluble only in acids, hence the original liquid must have been acid or the original solid substance insoluble in water, and in the acid solution AmCl and excess of AmHO will have given a colourless gelatinous precipitate resembling <math>\text{Al}_2\text{Hg}_6</math>.</p>
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*Note.—*Sometimes a flocculent precipitate is produced on adding AmCl and AmHO to the original solution, and yet no precipitate is produced by KHO; this renders probable the presence of an alkaline silicate. In this case evaporate a portion of the solution to dryness with HCl; warm the residue with

HCl : if any residue is left, the presence of a silicate is proved ; the clear solution is further examined for K or Na by (345).

*b. The precipitate at first produced by KHO does not redissolve on addition of more KHO ; the precipitate will have one of the following appearances :*

*A white or dingy-yellow precipitate, rapidly darkening when shaken in the air :—*

*Presence of Mn.*

*Conformed in the preliminary examination by producing a green mass when fused with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and KNO<sub>3</sub>, and by no precipitate having been produced on addition of AmCl and AmHO, unless the solution was exposed for some time to the air.*

*A pale yellow precipitate, not darkening in the air : this precipitate will also have been produced by AmCl and AmHO and its colour will not have been altered by addition of AmS :—*

*Presence of BaCrO<sub>4</sub>.*

*Ba has been already conformed by the flame coloration (334, V.), and a chromate by the change of colour of the orange-red liquid to green on adding H<sub>2</sub>S and heating (337, note 2).*

*A white precipitate, not darkening in the air :—*

*Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg as phosphate, oxalate, &c.*

*Pass on to (339).*

*Note.—This precipitate can only be formed if the original solution was acid.*

**339.**—*The precipitate may consist of Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg as phosphate, oxalate, borate,\* fluoride, or silicate.*

Examine for the metal and acid-radicle as directed below, working through the columns from left to right, unless the presence of an oxalate (333, I, 5) or borate (334, V. or 333, II.) has been already proved in the Preliminary Examination, in which case proceed at once to examine according either to column 2 or 3. If this precipitate is proved to contain a phosphate, oxalate, borate, fluoride, or silicate, the further examination for an acid-radicle becomes unnecessary.

1. Add a few drops of the original solution to some $\text{AmHMo}_4$ solution, and warm gently: a yellow precipitate (277) shows—	<i>Presence of a phosphate.</i> Examine further for the metal present by (340).	If no precipitate is produced by $\text{AmHMo}_4$ , pass on to column 2.	2. Add $\text{AmHO}$ in excess to a portion of the original solution; filter, dry the precipitate and heat a portion of it to a dull red heat for several minutes on platinum foil.	Place the foil in a test-tube, and pour a few drops of dilute HCl upon it; if the residue dissolves with effervescence, it shows the <i>Presence of an oxalate.</i>	Test this HCl solution for Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg, by (342-344), using it as the original solution.	The presence of an oxalate may be confirmed by heating the precipitate with strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; when $\text{CO}$ and $\text{CO}_2$ will be evolved; and if the substance under analysis is a solid, it will have been found also by (333, I, 5).	If the ignited precipitate does not dissolve with effervescence, pass on to column 3.	3. Stir some of the precipitate produced by $\text{AmHO}$ , <sup>†</sup> from column 2, on a watch-glass, with a little water to which a few drops of HCl have been added, until the precipitate is dissolved. Dip into the liquid a slip of turmeric paper, and dry at steam heat; the slip appears reddish-brown, and becomes dingy-green when moistened with $\text{AmHO}$ :—	<i>Presence of a borate.</i>	The presence of a borate may also be detected or confirmed by heating with alcohol and strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ and kindling the alcohol: a green-edged flame shows a borate.	Examine for the metal present by (341).	If a borate is not found proceed to column 4.	4. Place another portion of the precipitate produced by $\text{AmHO}$ , <sup>†</sup> (column 2) in a leaden cup or platinum crucible, add strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ and warm gently, covering the vessel with a watch-glass, which has been coated with a film of wax and has had characters traced with a sharp point through the wax (296); the glass is etched:—	<i>Presence of a fluoride.</i>	Examine for the metal present by (341).	If no fluoride is found proceed to column 5.	5. If phosphate, oxalate, borate and fluoride have been proved to be absent, a silicate is probably present.	Test for it by par. 341.
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\* Borates of Ba, Sr, and Ca are rarely precipitated in Group III., since they are soluble in the  $\text{AmCl}$  formed on adding  $\text{AmHO}$  to the HCl solution.

<sup>†</sup> If a solid is being examined, a portion of the original solid is employed for this test, instead of the precipitate produced by  $\text{AmHO}$  in the HCl solution.

**340.** *Explanation of Method.*—In order to detect the Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg present as phosphates, the  $\text{PO}_4$  must be removed from the solution and the metal left as chloride. This is effected by neutralising all HCl and leaving the solution acidified only by free  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ ; by gradual addition of  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$  and boiling, all  $\text{PO}_4$  is precipitated as  $\text{FePO}_4$  which (though soluble in HCl) is perfectly insoluble in  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ . On filtering,  $\text{FePO}_4$  remains upon the filter, and the filtrate contains the metal (Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg) as chloride, and is perfectly free from phosphate.

*Method.*—Add to a portion of the cold original solution AmHO drop by drop, whilst constantly shaking the liquid, until a slight precipitate is formed which does not disappear by shaking; then add  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  in slight excess (35a), the precipitate will redissolve: dissolve in the cold liquid a little solid  $\text{Na}\bar{\text{A}}$  by shaking, and add  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$  drop by drop, until the liquid after being well shaken has a brown or red colour; boil and filter immediately. The precipitate is thrown away. To the filtrate AmCl is added, then AmHO until it is just in excess (35 a); if any precipitate forms, boil and filter; the liquid or filtrate, which must smell strongly of  $\text{NH}_3$ , is then tested for Ba, Sr, Ca, and Mg, by (342–344), this liquid taking the place of the original solution referred to in (342). See note.

*Note.*—If any precipitate is formed in (342) by  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ , it must be well washed several times with boiling water to remove Na, since else the intense yellow coloration of Na would mask that of Ba, Sr, or Ca.

**341.** A portion of the original substance is placed in an evaporating basin, which is then nearly filled with dilute HCl, and the liquid is entirely boiled away; the dish is once more filled with acid, and again evaporated to dryness: the residue in the dish is then warmed with dilute HCl, and filtered if any residue is left. (See note, p. 188.)

*Solution:* the HCl solution is examined for Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg by (342–344); this solution being treated as is there directed for the original solution.

<i>Solution:</i> the HCl solution is examined for Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg by (342–344); this solution being treated as is there directed for the original solution.	<i>Residue:</i> if any residue remains insoluble in HCl, it proves:— <i>Presence of a silicate.</i> (See note.)
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*Residue:* if any residue remains insoluble in HCl, it proves:—  
*Presence of a silicate.*  
 (See note.)

*Note.*—The evaporation to dryness with HCl removes  $H_3BO_3$ \* and HF, which volatilise, whilst  $H_2SiO_3$  is left insoluble in HCl and therefore remains as an insoluble powder on afterwards warming with HCl; this residue of  $SiO_2$  also remains however if HF was present, being caused by the corrosion of the dish; since however HF if present has already been found, no notice will then be taken of the residue.

### 342. Examination for Group IV.

To a portion of the original solution add  $AmCl$ ,  $AmHO$  in excess, and then  $Am_2CO_3$  solution; warm gently:—

<i>A white precipitate forms</i> , which may consist of $BaCO_3$ , $SrCO_3$ , $CaCO_3$ . Heat and filter, or let stand for a time and decant: dissolve the precipitate by pouring upon it a little hot dilute HCl, and proceed to examine the solution by (343).	<i>No precipitate forms:</i> Absence of Ba, Sr, Ca. Pass on to (344).
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343. Dip a loop of platinum wire into the HCl solution, and hold the wire in the Bunsen flame. If the flame coloration thus obtained is not decisive, employ the tests placed at the foot of each column as confirmatory:—

<i>A yellowish-green flame:</i> —	<i>A crimson flame, appearing deep red through the indigo-prism:</i> —	<i>A red flame, appearing dingy-green through the indigo-prism:</i> —
<i>Presence of Ba.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Add $CaSO_4$ to a perfectly cold portion of the HCl solution, an immediate precipitate shows <i>Presence of Ba.</i>	<i>Presence of Sr.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Add $CaSO_4$ to a perfectly cold portion of the HCl solution, no precipitate; but an immediate precipitate on boiling:—  <i>Presence of Sr.</i>	<i>Presence of Ca.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Add $CaSO_4$ to a portion of the HCl solution and boil; no precipitate. To another portion add $AmHO$ in excess, and $Am_2C_2O_4$ : white precipitate:—  <i>Presence of Ca.</i>

\* Several evaporation are necessary in order to remove  $H_3BO_3$  entirely if it is present in large quantity; but its presence interferes only with the flame colorations of Ba, Sr, and Ca, and not with the liquid tests, and is therefore not of serious consequence.

† A brilliant green coloration may be seen following a yellowish-green or red coloration, it is due to the presence of  $H_3BO_3$ .

**344. Examination for Group V.**

To the liquid, in which  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  has produced no precipitate, add  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , and if a precipitate does not form at once warm the liquid gently, shake or stir it well, and let it stand for some time : a white crystalline precipitate shows *presence of Mg*. If no precipitate forms even after standing, Mg is absent ; proceed to (345).

**345.** Into a portion of the original solution, acidified (if not already acid) with HCl, dip a loop of platinum wire, and hold it in the Bunsen flame ; if no distinct coloration is obtained, boil down some of the original solution in a porcelain dish nearly to dryness, add a few drops of HCl, and again try the flame coloration :—

*A pale violet flame* (sometimes tinged yellow by a trace of Na), which appears violet or red through the indigo-prism :—*Presence of K*.

Confirm by stirring some of the original solution, boiled down if very dilute, with  $\text{PtCl}_4$  and a few drops of HCl : a *yellow* precipitate shows *presence of K*. Addition of alcohol much aids the formation of the precipitate.

[ $\text{NaHT}$  may be substituted for  $\text{PtCl}_4$ , as being more economical.]

*Intense yellow flame* : which shows no red or violet colour through the indigo-prism :  
*Presence of Na*.

*Note.*—If the preceding examination has not detected a metal, no commonly occurring metal can be present in any quantity.

### EXAMINATION FOR THE ACID-RADICLE IN A SOLID SUBSTANCE OR SOLUTION.

**346.** Several acid-radicles will usually have been already detected during the examination for the metal. Thus, on acidifying with HCl and warming (336) the acid-radicles mentioned in (349) would be detected.

**346a.** On adding  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water and warming (337), the

following acid-radicles will have been detected by the following changes :—

<i>a. Change of colour.</i>	$\text{CrO}_4$ : a yellow or orange-red solution, becoming green, $\text{MnO}_4$ : a green solution, becoming colourless, $\text{MnO}_4$ : a purple solution, becoming colourless,	and depositing white S, which makes the liquid milky.
	$\text{SnO}_3$ : a dingy-yellow precipitate, usually forming only when heat is applied. $\text{AsO}_3$ : a bright-yellow precipitate, forming at once in the cold. $\text{AsO}_4$ : a bright-yellow precipitate, forming at once if the liquid is boiled; but only after a long time in the cold solution. $\text{SbO}_4$ : an orange-red precipitate.	
<i>b. Formation of a precipitate.</i>	$\text{PO}_4$ , $\text{BO}_3$ , F, $\bar{\text{O}}$ , $\text{SiO}_3$ , may have been detected, if in combination with Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg (339–341).	
	If any one of the above acid-radicles has been found and confirmed by a special test, together with the metal with which it is combined, any further examination for an acid-radicle is unnecessary. If no acid-radicle has yet been found, proceed according to (347 <i>et seq.</i> )	

**347.** Since the metal present has been detected already, the examination for the acid-radicle may be usually much simplified by considering the solubility in water or in acids of the different saline compounds of this metal. Thus a salt of the metal which is insoluble in water cannot possibly be present in a neutral solution; a salt insoluble in water and acids cannot be present in a liquid with either acid or neutral

reaction. A reference to the Table of Solubilities (455-458, p. 252) will thus frequently limit very considerably the number of acid-radicles that can possibly be present; and in cases where this number is very small, the analyst may dispense with the full analytical course drawn out below, and proceed at once to detect the acid-radicle by trying special tests for those acid-radicles only which can possibly be present.

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINA-

**348.** Pour dilute  $H_2SO_4$  in excess upon the substance in a test-tube;

**349.** A gas is evolved, shown by the occurrence of effervescence or

1. Colourless gas without smell. A drop of lime-water, held in the tube upon the end of a glass rod becomes milky:— <i>Presence of a carbonate.</i>	2. Gas smelling of burning sulphur. A drop of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution, held in the tube upon the end of a glass rod, becomes green:— <i>Presence of a sulphite.</i>	3. Gas with a most fetid smell. A slip of filter paper moistened with alkaline solution of $PbAc_2$ , and held in the tube, is blackened:— <i>Presence of a sulphide.</i>	4. Yellow gas smelling of $Cl$ . A slip of moist litmus-paper held in the tube is bleached:— <i>Presence of a hypochlorite.</i>
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**350.** Add strong  $H_2SO_4$  in small quantity to a fresh portion of the of the results enumerated below occurs;\* if none of them is noticed

1. The liquid becomes yellow or red (see column 5), and a chlorous smell is given off: on warming the tube a crackling noise or slight explosion is produced:— <i>Presence of a chlorate.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —To a portion of the cold original solution add a few drops of dilute indigo solution, then some $H_2SO_4$ , the blue colour of the indigo is destroyed:— <i>Presence of a chlorate.</i>	2. A smell of vinegar is given off:— <i>Presence of an acetate.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Add to a fresh portion of the substance some alcohol, then strong $H_2SO_4$ , and heat; a fragrant smell is given off:— <i>Presence of an acetate.</i>	3. Acid fumes are given off, but the liquid is not coloured: drop in some small pieces of Cu and heat to boiling, reddish-brown fumes are evolved:— <i>Presence of a nitrate.</i>  <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Add to the liquid† in a test-tube about an equal volume of strong $H_2SO_4$ , cool thoroughly, then pour a little strong $FeSO_4$ solution gently down the inside of the tube so as to form a distinct layer on the surface of the acid liquid, a brown ring at the surface of contact of the two layers shows <i>Presence of a nitrate.</i>
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**351.** After heating the tube containing the strong  $H_2SO_4$  and sub-thoroughly; if it is seen to be corroded and dimmed:—*Presence of a* here, requires no confirmation.

\* If Pb, Ba, Sr, or Ca is present the addition of  $H_2SO_4$  causes a precipitate of the may be disregarded.

† Obtained by boiling the substance if a solid with water, and filtering or decant-

## N FOR THE ACID-RADICLE.

I observe the effect produced;\* then heat to boiling:—  
a characteristic smell; see the six cases below:—

<i>Reddish-brown fumes are evolved, best seen by looking down the tube at white paper, adding a little cold dilute <math>I_2SO_4</math> and <math>FeSO_4</math> solution to a fresh portion, a deep-brown liquid:—</i>	<i>6. Smell of <math>HCl</math>. Test for a cyanide and a ferro-, ferril-, and sulpho-cyanide in the original substance by (354, 355).</i>	<i>No gas is evolved:— Absence of carbonate, sulphite, theiosulphate, sulphide, hypochlorite, nitrite.</i> <i>Pass on to (350.)</i>
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stance, mix well by shaking, heat the liquid and note whether any amine the tube by (351).

<i>A mixture of <math>CO</math> and <math>CO_2</math> gases is given off; found by a drop of lime-water held in the tube being turned milky, and by the <math>CO</math> burning with a blue flame when kindled:—</i> <i>presence of an oxalate.</i>	<i>6. A reddish-brown or violet colour is produced in the acid, and no explosion or crackling occurs on warming:—</i> <i>Prob. presence of a bromide or iodide.</i> <i>If on heating the mixture, coloured vapour is evolved (see note), hold in the vapour the end of a glass rod covered with moist starch powder: the starch becomes brown,</i> <i>Presence of a bromide.</i> <i>The starch becomes blue,</i> <i>Presence of an iodide.</i> <i>Note.—The vapour is much more easily obtained by mixing the substance with <math>MnO_2</math> powder before adding <math>H_2SO_4</math> and heating.</i>	<i>6. The substance blackens and evolves gases, amongst which <math>SO_2</math> is recognised by its smell and action on <math>K_2Cr_2O_7</math> solution.—</i> <i>Prob. presence of a tartrate.</i> <i>Confirm by (358).</i>	<i>7. If none of the preceding acid-radicals is found, add alcohol to the mixture of the substance with strong <math>H_2SO_4</math>, heat to boiling and kindle the alcohol, it burns with a green edged flame:—</i> <i>Presence of a borate.</i> <i>Confirm by (357).</i>
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ince, let it stand for some time, then rinse it out, dry the inside iodide is shown. The presence of a fluoride, if decisively indicated

soluble sulphate: this in no way interferes with the results to be observed and g the liquid, if the substance does not completely dissolve.

## ACTUAL EXAMINATION FOR THE ACID-RADICLE.

**352.** The examination for the metal, or the preliminary examination for the acid-radicle, will have detected any one of the commonly occurring acid-radicles, except those whose detection is provided for below (353-358).

For the tests given below, use separate portions of the original substance.

**353.** Acidify a portion of the liquid (or if a solid, boil it) with HCl and add BaCl<sub>2</sub>, or if Pb, Hg', or Ag has been found acidify with HNO<sub>3</sub> and add Ba(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, since HCl and chlorides would precipitate the above metals as chlorides. Either no precipitate forms—pass on to (354),—or a white precipitate forms which does not disappear on boiling :—*Presence of a sulphate.*

**354.** Acidify a portion of the liquid, or if a solid is being examined heat the solid, with HNO<sub>3</sub>; filter off any precipitate or residue which may form, and add AgNO<sub>3</sub> solution : either no precipitate forms (see note at top of p. 195), showing the absence of 'Cl, 'Br, 'I, 'Cy, "'(FeCy), '(Fe<sub>2</sub>Cy<sub>12</sub>), and (CyS)', pass on to (356); or a precipitate forms, which does not disappear on warming, see (355) :—

**355.** A precipitate forms. Note its colour; and according as it is white, yellow, or orange, examine it by 1, 2, or 3 :—

<b>1.</b> <i>The precipitate is white, and may consist of AgCl, AgCy, (Ag<sub>2</sub>FeCy<sub>6</sub>, or AgCyS).</i> To a portion of the original solution add HCl in excess, and then Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> :—		
A deep blue precipitate :— <i>Presence of a ferrocyanide.</i>		A blood red coloration :— <i>Presence of a sulphonycyanide.</i>
If Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> has yielded neither a precipitate nor coloration (indicating absence of a ferro-, ferri-, and sulphony-cyanide), decant the liquid from the precipitate caused by AgNO <sub>3</sub> , pour upon the precipitate some strong HNO <sub>3</sub> and boil:—		
The precipitate remains undissolved :— <i>Presence of a chloride.</i>		The precipitate dissolves :— <i>Presence of a cyanide.</i> Confirm the presence of a cyanide in a portion of the original solution by heating it with FeSO <sub>4</sub> , Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> , and KHO, and acidifying with HCl. A blue precipitate :— <i>Presence of a cyanide.</i>
<b>2.</b> <i>The precipitate is yellow, and may consist of AgBr or AgI.</i> Test some of the original solution for an iodide by adding to it starch solution and KNO <sub>3</sub> solution, and then acidifying (if not acid) with HCl: a deep blue coloration :— <i>Presence of an iodide.</i>	If an iodide is not thus detected, add to another portion of the original solution several drops of Cl water; if the liquid becomes yellow, and on being shaken with CS <sub>2</sub> colours that liquid reddish-brown, it shows :— <i>Presence of a bromide.</i>	<b>3.</b> <i>Orange-red precipitate.</i> To a portion of the original solution add HCl in excess, then FeSO <sub>4</sub> solution; a deep blue precipitate shows :— <i>Presence of a ferri-cyanide.</i>

*Note.*—If Hg has been found,  $HgCy_2$  may be present, notwithstanding the formation of no precipitate with  $AgNO_3$ . It is detected by (306, note 2, p. 161). If  $HgCy_2$  is not present pass on to (356).

**356.** Acidify some of the original solution, if it is not already acid, with dilute  $HNO_3$ ; filter if necessary, add a small quantity of this acid solution to some  $AmHMnO_4$  solution, stir well and warm gently:—

<i>A yellow precipitate shows presence of a phosphate.</i>	<i>If no precipitate forms heat to boiling, the formation of a yellow precipitate shows presence of an arsenate.</i>
	If no precipitate forms even on boiling the liquid, pass on to (357).

*Note.*—The presence of a phosphate or arsenate may be confirmed by dissolving the yellow precipitate, separated by filtration or decantation, by pouring upon it a little  $AmHO$ ; then adding to this solution  $AmCl$  and  $MgSO_4$ , a crystalline precipitate will form which is to be filtered off and washed with a little cold water: on pouring upon this precipitate on the filter several drops of  $AgNO_3$  solution, the precipitate becomes *yellow* if phosphate is present, and *brown* if arsenate is present. The presence of arsenate is further confirmed by a yellow precipitate ( $As_2S_3$ ) appearing with  $H_2S$  (337) when the liquid is boiled.

**357.** Acidify a portion of the original solution with  $HCl$ , dip into it a piece of turmeric-paper, and dry the paper at a gentle heat: if the paper becomes *reddish-brown* when dry, and changes to *dingy-green* or *blue-black* when moistened with  $AmHO$ , the *presence of a borate* is shown. If no reaction is obtained pass on to (358).

**358.** The acid-radicles, one of which may still be present, are " $\bar{T}$ ", " $C_2O_4$ " and ' $F$ '. If the metal found belongs to Groups I., II., III., or IV., the examination must be begun at (358 b); if the metal present is K, Na or  $NH_4$ , examine by (358 a).

**358 a.** Make the solution just alkaline with  $AmHO$ , then add  $CaCl_2$  [or  $Ca(NO_3)_2$ ] solution in some quantity, shake well and let stand if no precipitate forms at once: the preliminary examination will usually have indicated which of these acid-radicles is present, and thus show according to which of the three columns below, the precipitate is to be further tested:—

<p>I. A crystalline precipitate, appearing after some time, shows probable presence of a tartrate. Confirm either by 1 or 2 below:—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decant the liquid from the precipitate, add a little water and a single drop of AmHO, drop in a small crystal of <math>\text{AgNO}_3</math> and warm very carefully; a mirror is formed below the crystal, <i>presence of a tartrate</i>. This test may be tried also with the original solution by (322).</li> <li>2. On acidifying some of the neutral original solution with <math>\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}</math> and adding alcohol and KA (unless K or <math>\text{NH}_4</math> has been detected in the substance) and stirring or shaking well, the formation of a crystalline precipitate shows <i>presence of a tartrate</i>.</li> </ol>	<p>II. A white pulverulent precipitate shows probable presence of an oxalate. The presence of an oxalate, already indicated by the test in 350, 4, must be confirmed either by warming some of the original substance with <math>\text{MnO}_2</math> and <math>\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4</math>, and testing for <math>\text{CO}_2</math> gas (319): or by the more tedious method of filtering off and drying some of the above precipitate of <math>\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4</math> and testing for a carbonate with <math>\text{HCl}</math> (318 a).</p>	<p>III. A gelatinous flocculent precipitate shows probable presence of a fluoride. Confirm by filtering and warming some of the precipitate (or of the substance, if solid) in a small cup of lead or platinum with strong <math>\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4</math>; fumes will be evolved which etch a properly prepared watch-glass (296).</p>
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358 b. An oxalate or fluoride of Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg will have been already detected in par. 339. A tartrate of any one of these metals is found by gently heating the finely powdered substance (if it is a solid, or neutralising the solution, if a liquid) with *very dilute* AmHO and a crystal of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ : the formation of a mirror shows *presence of a tartrate*. If a metal of Groups I., II., or III. has been found, the metal must be separated before testing for the acid-radicle.

If the metal belongs to Group I. or II., make the original solution just acid with  $\text{HCl}$ , and add  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -solution or pass  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (500 a) into the liquid for about five minutes; filter off the precipitate and add more  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to the filtrate; if no more precipitate forms\* boil in a porcelain dish until the liquid ceases to smell of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , and examine by (358 a).

If the metal belongs to Group III. add AmCl, AmHO till alkaline and  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ ; boil and filter, add to the filtrate  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ ; if no more precipitate forms\* add  $\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}$  in excess, boil, filter off S if necessary, and examine by (358 a).

\* If any further precipitate forms add more of the reagent, filter, and test again by adding more of the reagent; this addition of reagent, filtration, and testing the filtrate is repeated until no further precipitate forms on addition of the reagent.

**THE LIQUID FOR ANALYSIS IS ALKALINE (334, II.).**

**359.** The following special course of examination should be pursued if the liquid under analysis is alkaline in reaction, since it is possible in such a case that *two metals* may be present, one of them as a constituent of the acid-radicle. In the preceding course the detection of *one* metal only is provided for.

An alkaline solution may contain the oxide of any one of the metals Pb, Zn, As, Sn, Sb, Al, or Cr, together with the oxide of one of the metals K or Na; it may also contain K or Na as silicate. The detection of such substances is provided for in paragraph 360. Certain other salts of K, Na, and NH<sub>4</sub>, which also have an alkaline reaction, may however be analysed by the usual plan (336 *et seq.*), as will be seen below (360 *et seq.*).

360. To a small portion of the alkaline solution add several drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water (below), or a precipitate forms; in the latter case note the colour directed in column 1 below:—

1. *A precipitate forms on addition of the first few drops of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water drop by drop, and note if any precipitate forms;* if formed see 3 (below), if no precipitate appears see 4 (below):—

3. *A precipitate is formed by addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and excess of*

*A black precipitate:—  
Presence of Pb.*

*Confirm by adding to another portion of the solution H $\bar{A}$  in excess, then  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ , a yellow precipitate:—  
Presence of Pb.*

Proceed to (360 a).

*A white precipitate forms on addition of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , but is dissolved by the HCl:—  
Presence of Zn.*

Proceed to (360 a).

*A bright yellow very flocculent precipitate:—  
Presence of As as arsenite.*

*Confirm by shaking well, and letting the precipitate settle; on decanting the liquid and boiling the precipitate with strong HCl, it is not dissolved:—  
Presence of As as arsenite.\**

Proceed to (360 a).

*A yellow precipitate, not separating in large flocks:—  
Presence of Sn as stannate.*

*Confirm by warming, allowing the precipitate to settle, decanting the liquid if possible or filtering, and boiling the precipitate with strong HCl: it dissolves readily:—  
Presence of Sn as stannate.†*

Proceed to (360 a).

4. *No precipitate is formed by addition*

*The original solution was green:—  
Presence of Cr.*

*The presence of Cr is confirmed by the formation of a pale-green precipitate on addition of the first few drops of  $\text{HNO}_3$ . It will probably also have been found in the preliminary examination by the borax bead and by fusion with  $\text{KNO}_3$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ . Its presence may be further confirmed by adding to some of the original solution excess of KHO, then  $\text{PbO}_2$  and boiling, acidifying with  $\text{H}\bar{A}$  yellow  $\text{Pb}\bar{A}_2$  is precipitated.*

*Proceed to (360 a).*

360. a. The presence of Na, K or  $\text{NH}_4$  will probably have been found, require no further confirmation.

The presence of K will usually not require confirmation, but if any the original solution excess of HCl, evaporating to dryness, stirring of HCl, decanting or filtering if necessary from any undissolved glass with  $\text{PtCl}_4$  solution for some time; a yellow precipitate forming

\* Tests (180, 189) may also be used here.

† Confirmed also by AmHO giving a precipitate in the solution formed by adding larly prepared.

*rops of dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>; either no precipitate will form (see column 2 d appearance of the precipitate, and proceed to test further as*

NO<sub>3</sub>. To another portion of the solution then add HCl in excess: if a precipitate

*Cl:* note its colour and appearance :—

*An orange-red precipitate:—  
Presence of Sb.*

*Confirm by adding HCl in excess to a portion of the original solution, and boiling; pour some of this solution, when cool, upon a piece of platinum-foil on which a piece of Zn is resting; a black stain on the Pt appears after a few minutes:—  
Presence of Sb as antimonate.*

Proceed to (360 a).

*A semi-transparent gelatinous precipitate:—  
Presence of a silicate.*

*Confirm by evaporating some of the original solution to dryness after acidifying it with HCl; warm the residue in the dish with HCl; an insoluble powder is left:—  
Presence of a silicate.*

Proceed to (360 a).

*2. No precipitate is produced by addition of HNO<sub>3</sub>, except possibly a slight milkiness, due to the separation of S. Acidify another portion with HCl and employ it as the original solution for the examination for the metal by pars. 336 et seq.*

*It must be remembered that in this case a silicate may be present.*

*f H<sub>2</sub>S and excess of HCl:—*

*The original solution was colourless:—acidify a portion with HCl and evaporate to dryness, then warm the residue with HCl:—*

*The residue dissolves completely:—Add to the solution AmHO in excess, a white gelatinous precipitate shows—  
Presence of Al.*

Proceed to (360 a).

*The residue is not completely dissolved:—  
Presence of a silicate.*

Proceed to (360 a).

already detected in the preliminary examination; NH<sub>4</sub> or Na, if thus

doubt is felt concerning its presence, confirm by adding to a part of and warming the residue with a few drops of water and several drops residue, and stirring several drops of the cold clear liquid on a watch-on the lines rubbed by the rod confirms the presence of K.

with a portion of the original solution.  
excess of HCl and boiling, whereas it gives no precipitate with As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> solution simi-

### THE SUBSTANCE POSSESSES METALLIC LUSTRE.

**366.** This shows the probable absence of an acid-radicle. The only non-metallic elements likely to be present are free carbon as graphite, free iodine, or combined sulphur, since several sulphides are decidedly metallic in appearance.\* The presence of the metals Ni, Co, Fe in the free state, and of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ , may be shown by the substance being attracted by a magnet. Pb, or graphite, will be recognised by marking paper when rubbed upon it, as a black-lead pencil does: the mark due to Pb disappears if wetted with dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ .

The preliminary examination may be advantageously modified and curtailed as shown below.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
I. Heat a portion of the substance in a small ignition-tube (10).	1. A black lustrous mirror forms . . . 2. A yellow sublimate forms, melting, when heated, to brown drops . . . 3. Violet vapour is given off, condensing to black scales on the sides of the tube . . . If the substance sublimes entirely in violet vapours . . .	Presence of As. Presence of S.  Presence of I. Iodine alone is present.
II. Heat a portion in the finer blowpipe flame in a cavity scooped on a piece of wood-charcoal.	1. Smell of garlic . . . 2. If an incrustation forms, refer to par. (333 V.) where in the second and third column will be found the appearance of the incrustation and the metal whose presence it indicates 3. Smell of burning sulphur . . . 4. A green flame coloration . . .	Presence of As.  Presence of S. Presence of Cu.
III. Place a portion of the substance in a piece of hard glass tube open at both ends and heat it strongly in the Bunsen flame, and afterwards in the blowpipe flame if necessary (fig. 35, p. 114).	1. A gas is evolved from the upper end which smells of burning sulphur and turns a piece of filter-paper moistened with $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ solution green 2. The substance burns completely but slowly away, glowing when strongly heated. This effect is best seen by heating it strongly on Pt-foil by directing the blowpipe flame on the under surface of the foil . . .	Presence of S.  Presence of C.

\* The most common sulphides which possess metallic lustre are "copper pyrites," and "iron pyrites," which resemble brass in appearance: and "galena," resembling lead.

After completing the preliminary examination proceed as directed under (332), using however strong HCl and strong HNO<sub>3</sub> instead of the dilute acids.

No acid-radicle need be tested for unless S has been found in the preliminary examination, when in a portion of the HNO<sub>3</sub> solution H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is tested for by BaCl<sub>2</sub>: if a white precipitate forms insoluble on boiling, it confirms the *presence of S*.

### THE SUBSTANCE IS INSOLUBLE BOTH IN WATER AND IN ACIDS.

**367.** It may consist of any one of the following substances, those included in brackets being less likely to occur than the others, since they are soluble in sufficient water or acid on heating. As will be seen below the colour serves to give some notion as to what substance is present.

1. *White*: BaSO<sub>4</sub>, SrSO<sub>4</sub>, (CaSO<sub>4</sub>), PbSO<sub>4</sub>, (PbCl)<sub>2</sub>, AgCl,\* SiO<sub>2</sub>, (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> ignited), SnO<sub>2</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, CaF<sub>2</sub>.
2. *Dark-coloured*: ignited Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (dark-brown or black), ignited Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (dark-green), FeCr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and ignited PbCrO<sub>4</sub> (dark-brown), C (black).
3. *Yellow*: S, AgBr,\* AgI,\* (PbI<sub>2</sub>).

An insoluble silicate may also be present.

For a fuller description of these substances see (475).

According to the colour of the substance examine it by (368; 1, 2, or 3).

**368.** The preliminary tests given below will indicate or confirm the composition of the substance very rapidly, and may be substituted for those described in (333).

1. *The substance is white* (see 367, 1): pour upon a small portion of it a drop of Am<sub>2</sub>S; if it blackens the presence of Pb or Ag is probable, if it becomes yellow or orange-red the presence of Sn or Sb is probable.

\* Darkens quickly in sunlight, and slowly in ordinary daylight.

Experiment.	Result.	Inference.
I. Moisten a clean loop of platinum-wire, immerse it in the powdered substance, and heat the adhering powder for a short time strongly in the inner blowpipe flame; moisten the loop with a drop of strong HCl, and hold it in the Bunsen flame.	A <i>yellowish-green</i> flame  A <i>crimson</i> flame, appearing <i>deep red</i> through the indigo-prism.  A <i>reddish</i> flame, appearing <i>dusky green</i> through the indigo-prism.	<i>Presence of Ba.</i> [Test another portion for $SO_4$ by (III), and see note below.]  <i>Presence of Sr</i> [ " " ]  <i>Presence of Ca</i> [ " " ] If $SO_4$ is not found, test for F by (351 and 296).  <i>Note.</i> —The above result may be confirmed by (369).
II. Mix some of the finely powdered substance with powdered $Na_2CO_3$ and KCy, in a small cavity made in a piece of wood-charcoal, and heat the mixture in the inner blowpipe flame.	White metallic <i>malleable</i> globules, which if taken upon the point of a penknife are found to mark paper as black lead does, and if dissolved in $HNO_3$ give a white precipitate with $H_2SO_4$ ; a yellow incrustation is also formed on the charcoal.  White metallic <i>malleable</i> globules which do not mark paper; they dissolve in HCl, the solution giving a white precipitate with $HgCl_2$ . Slight incrustation or none. White metallic <i>brittle</i> globules which, if dissolved in boiling HCl, give an orange-red precipitate with $H_2S$ and white incrustation. White scales, no incrustation: the metal is insoluble in HCl, and if dissolved in $HNO_3$ gives no precipitate with $H_2SO_4$ , but a white precipitate with HCl; the original substance is instantly blackened by a drop of $Am_2S$ , and is dissolved on being warmed with $AmHO$ (212-216).	<i>Presence of Pb</i> as chloride, sulphate or chromate. Test for chloride by boiling some of the substance with much water, adding $HNO_3$ and $AgNO_3$ ; white precipitate:  <i>Presence of <math>PbCl_2</math>.</i> Test for sulphate by (III). (See also 369.) Test for chromate by fusing in a porcelain crucible, with fusion mixture; yellow mass on cooling:  <i>Presence of <math>PbCrO_4</math>.</i>  <i>Presence of <math>SnO_2</math>.</i>  <i>Presence of <math>Sb_2O_4</math> or <math>Sb_2O_5</math>.</i>  <i>Presence of <math>AgCl</math>.</i> [See also (369 a).]
III. Fuse a portion of the substance, mixed with $Na_2CO_3$ in fine powder, in a cavity scooped upon a piece of wood charcoal, in the inner blowpipe flame, produced from a spirit-lamp flame.	The cooled mass, if detached from the charcoal, placed upon a bright silver coin, and moistened with water, gives when crushed with the blade of a knife a black stain.	<i>Presence of a sulphate.</i>

*Note.*—The presence of  $PbSO_4$  may be confirmed by pouring upon the original substance  $H\bar{A}$ , then excess of  $AmHO$ , and boiling: the substance will dissolve; acidify a portion of the solution with  $H\bar{A}$ , and add  $K_2CrO_4$ , a yellow precipitate: *Presence of Pb*. Acidify another portion with  $HCl$ , and add  $BaCl_2$ , a white precipitate insoluble on boiling:—*Presence of  $SO_4$* .

If none of the substances mentioned in the above Table have been detected, test for  $Al_2O_3$  by heating the substance strongly on charcoal in the outer blowpipe flame after moistening it with  $Co(NO_3)_2$  solution, a blue mass shows *presence of  $Al_2O_3$* .

If  $Al_2O_3$  is not found fuse some of the substance in a clear bead of  $NaAmHPO_4$ , it floats undissolved:—*Presence of  $SiO_2$* . Proceed to (369 b).

### 2. The substance is dark-coloured. (See 367, 2.)

Place the substance on a piece of platinum-foil and heat the foil strongly on its under-surface by the blowpipe flame:—

<p><i>The substance burns away slowly but completely:—</i> <i>Presence of C.</i></p>	<p><i>The substance does not burn away; place upon it three or four times as much powdered <math>Na_2CO_3</math> and <math>KNO_3</math>, and fuse for some time.</i></p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The substance dissolves, forming a yellow mass when cold:—<i>Presence of <math>Cr_2O_3</math></i>.</li> <li>2. The substance remains undissolved as a dark-brown powder, and the mass on cooling is white:—<i>Presence of <math>Fe_2O_3</math>*</i>. Confirm by boiling the mass with water, filtering and fusing the brown residue into a borsx bead (100).</li> </ol>

### 3. The substance is yellow (367, 3).

Heat a portion of it strongly in a small ignition-tube; one of the following results will occur:—

<p><i>It fuses and sublimes, the sublimate being yellow and melting to reddish-brown drops when heated:—</i> <i>Presence of S.</i> <i>Note.</i>—If the substance sublimes entirely it consists only of sulphur.</p>	<p><i>It fuses but does not sublime.</i> Examine a portion of the substance for <math>Ag</math> and <math>Pb</math> by (368 II.); and another portion for <math>Br</math> and <math>I</math> by (369 a).</p>
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\*  $FeCr_2O_4$  shows both reactions 1 and 2, since it contains both  $Fe$  and  $Cr$ .

**369.** Fuse a portion of the substance, mixed with two or three times as much fusion mixture, for several minutes on a piece of platinum-foil (or if Pb is present, in a porcelain crucible) in the blowpipe flame; boil the cool mass with water until only a white powder remains undissolved, filter or decant:—

*Filtrate:* acidify with HCl and add BaCl<sub>2</sub>; a white precipitate which does not disappear on boiling:—

*Presence of SO<sub>4</sub>.*

*Residue:* after washing several times with boiling water dissolve it in a little hot HCl and examine the solution for the metal by (336 *et seq.*)

**369 a.** Fuse a portion of the finely powdered substance for about five or ten minutes with two or three times as much fusion mixture in a porcelain crucible in the blowpipe flame: as soon as the substance is cool, boil it with water for some time, filter, or decant if possible:—

The residue may be used to confirm the presence of Ag, if the presence of that metal is not fully proved in (368 II.). Wash the residue well, dissolve it by warming with a little dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>, add HCl, shake well, let the precipitate settle, decant, and show the precipitate to be soluble in AmHO.

The clear solution is acidified with HNO<sub>3</sub> and divided into two portions.

1. To the first portion add AgNO<sub>3</sub>; a perfectly white precipitate, easily soluble in excess of AmHO, shows *Presence of chloride*. If the precipitate is yellow and not easily soluble in AmHO, see next column.

2. To the second portion add CS<sub>2</sub> sufficient to form a large drop at the bottom of the liquid, then Cl-water drop by drop, constantly shaking up the liquid and CS<sub>2</sub> well together:—

The CS<sub>2</sub> is coloured reddish-brown:—  
*Presence of bromide.*

The CS<sub>2</sub> is coloured violet showing:—  
*Presence of iodide.*  
[The presence of HI may be confirmed by (269)].

**369 b.** Fuse a portion of the powdered substance with fusion mixture, as directed in (369 a). Boil the cold crucible in a porcelain dish with dilute HNO<sub>3</sub> until the mass is detached entirely, then evaporate the liquid to complete dryness: warm the cool residue with dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>, an insoluble residue shows or confirms the *presence of SiO<sub>2</sub>*.

The solution, filtered if necessary from SiO<sub>2</sub>, is tested for the metal present (336 *et seq.*), bearing in mind that K and Na cannot possibly be present in the insoluble substance, since they form soluble silicates.

**ANALYSES OF SIMPLE SALTS, SHOWING HOW  
TO ENTER RESULTS.**

**A. Liquid given for Analysis.**

*Preliminary Examination for the Metal.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Noted the colour of the liquid.	Blue . . . .	Presence of Cu.
2. Dipped into it a piece of blue litmus-paper.	The paper was turned red, but on addition of $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ no effervescence occurred . . .	Presence of a salt with acid reaction.
3. Evaporated a few drops slowly upon a watch-glass. Ignited the residue strongly.	Pale blue residue left . . . Blackened without smell of burning.	Presence of some dissolved solid. Absence of organic acid-radicles.
4. Added KHO solution and boiled.	No smell of $\text{NH}_3$ . . .	Absence of $\text{NH}_4^+$ .
5. Dipped a loop of platinum wire into the solution and held it in the flame.	<i>Bright green</i> flame; on moistening the wire with strong HCl and again holding it in the flame it gave a blue coloration, .	Presence of Cu.
6. Dipped a clear borax bead into a portion of the solution, dried it by a gentle heat, dipped it again and fused in the outer and inner blow-pipe flame.	In outer flame the bead was <i>green</i> whilst hot, <i>blue</i> when cold. In inner flame it became colourless.	Presence of Cu.

*Examination for the Metal.*

To a portion of the liquid added HCl :—

<i>No precipitate.</i> Absence of Group I.	Added strong $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water :—  <i>A brownish-black precipitate.</i> Presence of $\text{Sn}^{2+}$ , $\text{Hg}^+$ , Bi, Pb, or Cu. Allowed the precipitate to settle, poured off as much of the liquid as possible and boiled the precipitate with excess of NaHO, it remained undissolved. Since the original solution was blue, a clean knife blade was dipped into a portion of it acidified with $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , red copper was deposited on the steel :— <i>Presence of Cu.</i>
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*Preliminary Examination for the Acid-radicle.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Added dilute $H_2SO_4$ and warmed.	No gas was evolved . . .	Absence of carbonate, sulphite, sulphide, and nitrite.
2. Added strong $H_2SO_4$ and warmed.	No gas was evolved And no red fumes on adding Cu clippings . . .	Absence of chlorate. Absence of nitrate.

*Examination for the Acid-radicle.*

Added  $HCl$  and  $BaCl_2$ ; a white precipitate was produced which did not disappear on boiling :—*Presence of sulphate.*

*Found Cu,  $SO_4$ .*

*B. Liquid given for Analysis.**Preliminary Examination for the Metal.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Noted the colour of the liquid.	Light yellow . . .	Presence of a neutral chromate.
2. Dipped red litmus-paper into the liquid.	It was turned <i>faintly</i> blue.	Probable presence of an alkali-salt.
3. Evaporated a few drops to dryness upon a watch-glass. Ignited the residue strongly.	A yellow residue remained. No blackening.	Presence of some dissolved solid. Absence of organic acid-radicle.
4. Boiled a portion with excess of $KHO$ .	No smell of $NH_3$ .	Absence of $NH_4$ .
5. Dipped a loop of platinum wire into the solution, and held it in the Bunsen flame.	A pale violet flame, appearing reddish-violet through the indigo-prism.	Presence of K.
6. Dipped a clear borax-bead into the solution, and fused in the outer and inner blowpipe flames.	Outer flame: <i>brown</i> , hot; <i>green</i> , cold. Inner-flame: <i>green</i> , hot and cold. <i>Brown</i> colour not reappearing in the outer flame.	Presence of Cr as a chromate.

*Examination for the Metal.*

Since the liquid was alkaline in reaction, added to a small

portion of it a few drops of  $\text{HNO}_3$  until it became acid, this produced no precipitate.

To another portion added  $\text{HCl}$ , the liquid turned from yellow to orange-red, indicating presence of a neutral chromate:—

No precipitate. Absence of Group I.	Then added $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water and warmed:—  The liquid became green, and white S was deposited:—  Presence of a chromate.	To another portion of the original solution added $\text{AmCl}$ , then $\text{AmHO}$ , no precipitate formed; then added $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ and boiled:—  <i>No precipitate in the cold, but on boiling, a green flocculent precipitate gradually formed, evidently reduced from the chromate.</i>	Added to another portion of the solution $\text{AmCl}$ , $\text{AmHO}$ , and $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ :—  <i>No precipitate, Absence of Group IV.</i>	Added to the same portion $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ and stirred:  <i>No precipitate, Absence of Mg.</i>
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Since K was found by the flame coloration in the preliminary examination, its presence was confirmed by stirring a portion of the solution, to which a few drops of  $\text{HCl}$  had been added, with  $\text{PtCl}_4$  on a watch-glass; a yellow crystalline precipitate forming on the lines rubbed by the rod:—*Presence of K.*

*Found K,  $\text{CrO}_4$ .*

C . A white crystalline substance given for Analysis.

Boiled a small portion with water; it dissolved completely.

Preliminary Examination for the Metal.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Heated in small dry test-tube.	The substance gave off red fumes and oxygen gas, which inflamed a glowing splinter of wood. It left a yellow residue.	Presence of a nitrate of a heavy metal. Presence of Pb, Sn, or Bi.
2. Dipped a loop of moistened platinum-wire into the powdered substance, moistened with strong $\text{HCl}$ and held in the Bunsen flame.	A pale blue flame	Presence of As, Sb, Pb.
3. Heated a small portion in a cavity on wood charcoal in the inner blow-pipe flame.	Deflagration occurred. A white malleable globule remained which easily marked paper. A yellow incrustation	Presence of a nitrate or chlorate
4. Fused on charcoal in the inner blow-pipe flame with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KCl}$ .	Same result as with 3	Presence of Pb. Presence of Pb.

*Examination for the Metal in Solution.*

Boiled a portion of the powdered substance with water, cooled, added HCl to a part of the clear solution, a white precipitate was formed, which disappeared on boiling, but appeared again in the crystalline form on cooling the liquid (*probable presence of Pb*).

Confirmed the presence of Pb by decanting the liquid and boiling the precipitate with AmHO, it remained white and did not dissolve ; decanted the ammoniacal liquid, dissolved the precipitate in a little H<sub>2</sub>A, and added K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>, a yellow precipitate :—*Presence of Pb*.

Since a nitrate was found in the preliminary examination, its presence was confirmed by adding strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to the aqueous solution of the substance, and pouring solution of FeSO<sub>4</sub> carefully upon the cooled liquid in a test-tube ; a brown ring formed on the surface of the acid :—*Presence of NO<sub>3</sub>*.

Also some of the solution when heated with Cu and strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, evolved reddish-brown fumes :—*Presence of NO<sub>3</sub>*.

*Found :—Pb, NO<sub>3</sub>.*

*D. A white powder emitting no smell, given for Analysis.*

Boiled some of the powdered substance with water, it did not dissolve : added a few drops of strong HCl and boiled, the substance dissolved completely (absence of Group I.) without effervescence.

*Preliminary Examination for the Metal.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Heated in a small dry test-tube.	No change . . .	Absence of volatile and fusible substances and of water of crystallisation, &c.
2. Dipped a moistened loop of platinum-wire into the powdered substance, moistened the powder with strong HCl and held it in the Bunsen flame.	No flame coloration.	Probable absence of K Na, Ba, Sr, Ca, Cu, &c.
3. Heated a portion of the powder strongly on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	The substance did not fuse. A white luminous residue, which when moistened on red litmus-paper showed an alkaline reaction . . .	Absence of alkali salt. Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg.

*Examination of the Solution.*

To a portion of the HCl solution added H<sub>2</sub>S-water; no precipitate:—*Absence of Group II.*

To another portion of the HCl solution added AmCl and AmHO in excess, a white flocculent precipitate: then added Am<sub>2</sub>S, the colour of the precipitate was unchanged.

To a few drops of the HCl solution added KHO drop by drop, until a white flocculent precipitate formed, then added excess of KHO and boiled, the precipitate did not dissolve, and it did not become discoloured in the air:—*Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg as phosphate, oxalate, &c.*

Added a few drops of the original HCl solution to some AmHMnO<sub>4</sub> solution in a test-tube, and warmed gently, a yellow precipitate:—*Presence of PO<sub>4</sub>.*

To another portion of the cold HCl solution added AmHO drop by drop until a precipitate formed which did not dissolve when shaken, then added HĀ until this precipitate dissolved when the liquid was well shaken. Some small crystals of NaĀ were then dissolved in the cold liquid by shaking it, and Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> added until the liquid appeared red; it was then boiled and immediately filtered. To the filtrate AmHO was added in excess (no precipitate), then Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, a white precipitate formed:—*Presence of Ba, Sr, or Ca.*

Filtered and dissolved the precipitate by pouring upon it a few drops of boiling HCl; dipped a loop of platinum-wire into the solution, and held it in the Bunsen flame, a reddish flame appearing dingy-green through the indigo-prism:—*Presence of Ca.*

A few drops of the solution boiled with CaSO<sub>4</sub> gave no precipitate:—absence of Ba and Sr, therefore the presence of Ca was confirmed by adding to the rest of the solution excess of AmHO, then Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, a white precipitate:—*Presence of Ca.*

*Found Ca, PO<sub>4</sub>.*

*E. A white odourless powder given for Analysis.*

Boiled a portion of the substance with water, it did not dissolve: added HCl and heated again, it dissolved completely (absence of Group I.) without effervescence.

*Preliminary Examination.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Heated a portion in a small dry test-tube.	The substance blackened slightly; it evolved $\text{CO}_2$ which turned a drop of lime-water milky. The residue in the test-tube effervesced with HCl whereas the original substance did not.	Presence of an organic salt of K, Na, Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg.
2. Held a portion of the substance on a loop of platinum-wire in the Bunsen flame; then moistened with HCl and again held in the flame.	A red coloration, appearing dusky-green through the indigo-prism	Presence of Ca.
3. Heated on charcoal in inner blowpipe flame.	A white luminous mass remained, which when moistened on red litmus-paper turned it blue.	Presence of Ba, Sr, Ca, or Mg.

*Examination for the Metal.*

Added to a portion of the HCl solution strong  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ -water.

No precipitate :— Absence of Group II.	To another portion of the HCl solution added AmCl then AmHO in excess, a white precipitate formed; added Am <sub>2</sub> S, the colour of the precipitate remained unaltered.  To another portion of the solution added KHO drop by drop until a precipitate formed, then more KHO and boiled; a white precipitate insoluble in KHO, and not darkening in the air :— <i>Presence of oxalate, phosphate, &amp;c., of alkaline earths.</i>  Since the presence of an oxalate of an alkali- or alkaline earth-metal was indicated in the preliminary examination, a portion of the original substance was heated on platinum foil, then dissolved in HCl, and to the solution excess of AmHO and of Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> was added. The liquid was warmed and put aside till the precipitate subsided, then the liquid was decanted and the precipitate dissolved in a few drops of HCl.  A platinum-wire dipped into this HCl solution gave a red flame coloration, appearing dusky-green through the indigo-prism :— <i>Presence of Cu.</i> [Confirmed by another portion of the HCl solution giving a white precipitate with excess of AmHO and Am <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .]
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The presence of  $C_2O_4$  was confirmed by heating some of the original substance with strong  $H_2SO_4$ : gases were evolved which rendered milky a drop of lime-water, and burnt with a blue flame, showing presence of  $CO_2$  and  $CO$ :—*Presence of  $C_2O_4$ .*

*Found Ca,  $C_2O_4$ .*

*F. A yellow metallic-looking substance given for Analysis.*  
*Preliminary Examination.*

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Heated a portion of the substance strongly in a small tube closed at one end.	A yellow sublimate formed which melted into brown drops: a smell of burning S was evolved, and a piece of paper dipped into $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution when placed in the mouth of the tube became green. A brown residue left . . . .	Presence of S. Probable presence of Fe.
2. Heated strongly on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	Strong smell of burning S. The residue fused into a dark-coloured globule, which when cold was strongly attracted by the magnet . . . .	Presence of S.
3. Heated a fragment strongly in a glass tube, open at both ends, and held obliquely in the flame.	A gas was evolved with a suffocating smell, and which turned $K_2Cr_2O_7$ paper green. . . .	Probable presence of Fe. $SO_2$ from combustion of S.

*Solution of substance.*

Warmed the powdered substance with a mixture of strong  $HNO_3$  and  $HCl$ , it dissolved completely; boiled down in an evaporating dish, adding strong  $HCl$  several times; when nearly dry, diluted with water.

*Examination of the solution for the Metal.*

Since the substance dissolved entirely in  $HCl$ , Group I. is absent; to a portion of the solution added  $H_2S$ -water:—

The solution became colourless, and white S was precipitated:— <i>Probable presence of a ferric salt.</i>	To another part of the solution added AmCl, then excess of AmHO, a brown flocculent precipitate formed, <i>probable presence of Fe<sup>++</sup></i> : then added AmS, and heated: the precipitate became black, and on settling left a yellow solution:— <i>Absence of Ni.</i> Confirmed the presence of Fe by adding to a fresh part of the original solution K <sub>4</sub> FeC <sub>6</sub> solution, a dark blue precipitate:— <i>Presence of Fe<sup>++</sup>.</i>
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Confirmed the presence of S by adding to a part of the original solution BaCl<sub>2</sub>, a white precipitate formed which did not disappear on boiling:—*Presence of SO<sub>4</sub> derived from oxidation of sulphur.*

*Found Fe, S.*

#### G. A white powder given for Analysis.

Boiled a small portion with water, it did not dissolve.

Boiled another portion with HCl, it did not dissolve: added HNO<sub>3</sub> and heated again, the substance was not dissolved.

Hence the substance is insoluble in water and in acids, and since it is white, it can only consist of one of the following substances:—

BaSO<sub>4</sub>, SrSO<sub>4</sub> (CaSO<sub>4</sub>), PbSO<sub>4</sub> (PbCl<sub>2</sub>), AgCl, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SnO<sub>2</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, CaF<sub>2</sub>.

#### Preliminary Examination.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
1. Took some of the powder up with a loop of moist platinum-wire, ignited it strongly in the inner blowpipe flame, moistened it with HCl, and held in the Bunsen flame.	A yellowish-green coloration.	Presence of Ba.
2. Fused a portion with Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, placed the cooled mass on a bright shilling, and moistened it with a drop of water.	A black stain on the coin.	Presence of S.

*Examination of the Solution.*

Fused some of the powder with fusion mixture on platinum-foil: boiled the cold mass with water, filtered.

*Filtrate*, made acid with HCl and added BaCl<sub>2</sub>, a white precipitate, which did not disappear on boiling the liquid :—  
*Presence of SO<sub>4</sub>*.

The residue on the filter was well washed with boiling water, and boiling dilute HCl poured upon it, it dissolved completely :—

Absence of Group I.	To a portion added strong H <sub>2</sub> S-water and heated:—		
<i>No precipi-</i> <i>tate.</i>	To another portion added AmCl, then AmHO in excess, then Am <sub>2</sub> S, and boiled:—		
Absence of Group II.	<i>No precipi-</i> <i>tate.</i>	To another portion of the original solution added AmCl, AmHO, and Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> :—	
Absence of Group III.	<i>A white precipitate</i> .—Presence of Ba, Sr, or Ca. A platinum-wire loop dipped into the original solution gave a yellowish-green tint to the Bunsen flame:— <i>Presence of Ba.</i>		

*Found Ba, SO<sub>4</sub>.*

## SECTION VI.

### FULL ANALYTICAL COURSE AND TABLES.

AFTER having tried the reactions for the members of the analytical groups and learnt for each group how to detect its members occurring singly or two or more together, solutions containing a single metal belonging to any of the groups, or members of two or more of these groups mixed, will readily be analysed.

370. *It is necessary first to separate the metals present into groups* by adding the group-reagents successively in such an order that each precipitates its own group only, leaving in solution the members of all other groups which may be present. This is effected by adding the group-reagents in the order directed in the General Table (419); refer to this and to the Group Table on pp. 168, 169. HCl, which is the first reagent added, precipitates only Group I leaving Groups II., III., IV., and V. in solution; hence if a precipitate is obtained on adding excess of HCl, after filtering it off any member or members of Group I. present will be obtained upon the filter, whilst the members of all other groups remain in the filtrate. On passing H<sub>2</sub>S into the heated filtrate,\* members of Group II. alone will be precipitated and may be filtered off; the filtrate,\* after removal of H<sub>2</sub>S and oxidation of any Fe present by boiling with HNO<sub>3</sub>, may be mixed with AmCl and excess of AmHO; the AmHO will precipitate any members of Group III. A., Group III. B. and Mg remaining dissolved by the AmCl; the addition of Am<sub>2</sub>S to the filtrate\* will separate Group III. B. as sulphides. Group IV. is precipitated from

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\* Or solution, supposing no precipitate to have been obtained, and filtration therefore to have been unnecessary.

the filtrate\* by the last group-reagent  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and the filtrate\* is examined for Group V., the members of which not being precipitated by any group-reagent will now remain in solution if they were originally present.

Since each group must be *entirely* precipitated by its own group reagent it is necessary, if any precipitate is formed, to add each group-reagent in "excess" before proceeding to add the next: unless the presence of the reagent in excess is ascertained before proceeding, much confusion may be caused.

**371. Addition of Reagents in Excess.**—The most general method for ascertaining the presence of a reagent in excess is to add a few drops more of the reagent to the clear liquid obtained either by letting the precipitate settle or by filtering off a small quantity of it; if any further precipitate is formed the filtered portion must be returned, more of the reagent must be added, and the clear liquid again tried with a few additional drops of the reagent, this process being repeated until no further precipitate is caused.

In certain cases this method of proceeding is rendered unnecessary, the excess of a reagent being detectable by its smell after thoroughly mixing up the solution and blowing out the air above it; this is the case for example with  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and  $\text{AmHO}$ . In other cases the excess is seen by the colour of the filtrate, as with yellow  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  for example.

**372.** Since certain organic substances hinder or prevent the precipitation of the members of Group III. A. by  $\text{AmHO}$ , it is necessary, if the preliminary examination has shown the presence of organic matter, to destroy it by evaporation and ignition before proceeding to precipitate Groups III. and IV.: evaporation to dryness and gentle ignition are also necessary to separate  $\text{SiO}_2$ , which if remaining in solution might be mistaken for  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$ . But if it is known that neither organic substances nor  $\text{SiO}_2$  are present, a considerable saving of time may be effected by boiling the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  filtrate until it no longer

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\* Or solution, supposing no precipitate to have been obtained, and filtration therefore to have been unnecessary.

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smells of  $H_2S$ , then continuing to boil for several minutes after adding a few drops of strong  $HNO_3$ ; this process may replace the evaporation to dryness and ignition.

**373.** The ordinary method of analysis drawn out in the General Table and in the Tables for examination of the Group precipitates will present little difficulty if the directions therein given are strictly complied with. Table III. c. will perhaps be found a little more difficult, and should not be attempted until some proficiency has been obtained by practice on the other Group Tables. Table III. d., which must be employed under conditions fully explained in (460), should not be used until considerable proficiency has been attained.

**374.** It will be seen that the full course of analysis is arranged so as not only to prove what is present, but also that all else is absent: this, except in special cases, is the object in view.

The process of analysis is much hastened by using separate portions of the solution instead of carrying on the examination throughout with one part of the solution: the plan in the General Table is however preferable, since it gives at once a notion of the relative quantities of the different substances present.

For an example of how to write out the results see pars. (488-493); it will be seen that the form adopted is that of the Analytical Tables.

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#### PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF SOLID SUBSTANCES.

**375.** Before proceeding to employ the full course of analysis for substances of complex composition, the student will do well to examine a few solid substances for metals and acid-radicles by the tables given in paragraphs 387-418.\* For the full account of how to try these tests for any particular substance the student must refer back to the preceding reactions in Section IV.

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\* For examples of substances to be analysed by the Preliminary Examinations, see paragraph 538.

The results of these analyses are entered in the form of the Table as shown in the examples in paragraphs (488) and (489). *The entries must be made during the progress of analysis.*

**376. Preliminary Examination for Metals.**—A little study of this Table (387 *et seq.*) will show that it contains three main tests marked Exps. I., II., and III.; these stand in the first column: in the second column are placed the results which may be noticed on trying these experiments; the student should glance through these so as to be forewarned of what he has to look for. The main classification of the results which may be observed is indicated by large-type letters, the subsidiary divisions are marked by small numbers, and the individual results are simply placed in succession in a vertical column. Occasionally an observation is made which it is advisable to confirm by an additional experiment: this "confirmatory" test is then entered in the first column, just below the observation to be confirmed, and is marked "confirm." to distinguish it from the main experiment, its results are placed beside it in the second column: the student must understand that any one or more of the results noted in the second column may be looked for.

A few salts and mixtures such as those mentioned in (538) should be subjected to a careful preliminary examination by the student, and the results obtained carefully entered.

**377. Preliminary Examination for Acid-radicles.**—This Table (410-418) exactly resembles in arrangement the Table for metals which precedes it, and no explanation is therefore necessary. The student should examine by it some solid substances (538) for acid-radicles only.

**378.** A few solid substances may now be tested for both metals and acid-radicles by the two Preliminary Tables.

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#### SIMPLE SUBSTANCES, DETECTION OF ACID-RADICLES AND METALS BY PRELIMINARY TESTS AND BY EXAMINATION OF THE SOLUTION.

**379.** After having become familiar with the preliminary examination of solid substances the student may analyse some

simple substances containing only one or two metals and acid-radicles. The analytical course drawn out for the examination of complex substances may be at once employed for these more simple analyses, as the student is thus enabled to prove not only the presence of any particular metals or acid-radicles, but also the absence of all other commonly occurring metals and acid-radicles.

He will by this means be gradually introduced to the analytical course, and after satisfactorily analysing some simple substances, may proceed to mixtures of gradually increasing difficulty or complexity.

At first no mixture should be attempted which will yield a precipitate containing a phosphate in Group III., and members of Group III. A. and III. B. should not be present together in the same solution, also substances containing organic matter and  $\text{SiO}_2$  should be avoided; the examination of the filtrate after passing  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  is thus very much simplified.

The following is a description of the course to be pursued in making the complete analysis of a complex substance.

## GENERAL COURSE OF ANALYSIS FOR SOLID AND LIQUID SUBSTANCES.

The substance given for analysis\* will be either a liquid or a solid, since the analysis of gases forms a department which is best studied by itself.

Unless it is known that cyanogen is not present in the substance, it must be tested for in a small portion by the "Prussian-blue" or AmCyS tests (304 or 306); if found, refer to (482 *et seq.*) for the preparation of the solution and the method of analysis: if cyanogen is not present the substance is examined by (380, 381) or by (382 *et seq.*) according as it is liquid or solid.

Solid substances require to be dissolved before they can be fully analysed;  $H_2O$ , HCl,  $HNO_3$  and aqua-regia are the solvents usually employed.

### 4. THE SUBSTANCE IS A LIQUID.

**380.** 1.—Test it with both blue and red litmus-papers, one of the following results will be obtained:—

<i>It is neutral</i> (not changing either paper).	<i>It is acid</i> (turning blue litmus red).	<i>It is alkaline</i> (turning red litmus blue).
Absence of acids and alkalies and of salts with acid or alkaline reaction. The salts of Ag and Mg and certain salts of Am, Na, K, Ba, Sr, and Ca are the only neutral soluble salts.	Presence of an acid, or salt with acid reaction.	Presence of a hydrate of Am, Na, K, Ba, Sr, or Ca, or of a salt with alkaline reaction.

**381.** 2.—Evaporate a few drops of the liquid upon a piece of platinum-foil or a piece of thin glass,† smelling it occasionally:—

\* For examples of substances to be analysed, see par. 539.

† A piece of the side of a broken flask will serve well.

<i>No residue is left.</i>	<i>A residue is left:</i> —Examine the liquid by the further preliminary tests in (384) or evaporate a portion of the solution to dryness in a porcelain dish, avoiding heating the substance after it is dry; and examine it by the preliminary tables for metals and acid-radicles (387–418). Examine the larger portion of the remaining solution for metals by the general table which follows (419), and the remainder of the solution for acid-radicles by (440 <i>et seq.</i> ).
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## B. THE SUBSTANCE IS A SOLID.

### 382. *B. a. It is not a Metal.*

Finely powder it in a mortar, using an agate mortar if the substance is very hard. A part of this powder is examined by the Preliminary Tables for metals and acid-radicles (387–418).

383. A large part of the remainder\* is boiled in a flask or boiling-tube with distilled-water, if it dissolves see (384): if the powder does not dissolve, allow the liquid to stand still until the undissolved portion has settled, then decant through a filter:—

<i>Filtrate.</i> —It is usually possible to tell whether anything has been dissolved by the water by observing whether it has acquired any colour or action upon litmus-paper. If there is any doubt, try whether a residue remains when a few drops are evaporated: also, whether $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ causes any precipitate. If none of these tests proves the presence of dissolved matter, the water solution may be neglected. If anything is in solution, it is kept and marked Solution I.	<i>Residue in flask:</i> boil with dilute HCl (385), allow any residue to settle, decant through the filter used above and boil the residue with strong HCl, let settle, decant through the filter:—
<i>Filtrate.</i>	<i>Residue:</i> heat with dilute, then with strong $\text{HNO}_3$ , as was directed above for HCl; decant:—
Solution II.	The residue may be warmed for a short time with a mixture of strong $\text{HNO}_3$ with three times as much HCl; if this does not dissolve it, decant the acid mixture.
Solution III.	<i>Residue:</i> wash well with water, dry, and examine as directed (475 <i>et seq.</i> ) for substances insoluble in water and acids.
Solution IV.	

\* If the whole of the substance left after completing the Preliminary Examination has to be employed in making the solution, the method given below must be employed; if, however, plenty of the substance is in hand, the method given under (382) may be used, the process of solution will thus be much more rapidly executed.

**384.** If at any of the preceding stages the substance dissolves entirely, proceed at once to examine the solution by the General Table (419). The Solutions I., II., III., IV. need rarely be examined separately; a general method is to add to I. some  $\text{HNO}_3$  (see 420) and then some HCl to the clear liquid, add also to the  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution (III.) some HCl; any precipitate thus caused by HCl is examined by Table I., and any precipitate caused then on mixing the solutions I., II., III., IV. is examined by (475) as an insoluble substance. It is best to boil down the solutions III. and IV. considerably before mixing them with I. and II., in order to get rid of the  $\text{HNO}_3$  as much as possible, then dilute with dilute HCl, any precipitate caused by HCl being examined by Table I. On cooling the hot HCl solution crystals often separate, these consist probably of  $\text{PbCl}_2$ , they may be filtered off and dissolved in a little boiling water; if on addition of  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$  to this solution of the crystals a yellow precipitate forms, it shows the presence of Pb.

*Note.*—If a complex solid mixture is given for analysis, and the only object is to obtain a solution as rapidly as possible, it may be at once boiled with aqua regia for a few minutes, then filtered: the residue is examined as a substance insoluble in water and acids (475 *et seq.*), and the filtrate is evaporated nearly to dryness: dilute HCl is added, and the solution examined by the General Table (419).

$\text{HNO}_3$  seldom requires to be used in dissolving a substance, and when necessary should be employed only in small quantity, since it is liable to cause a precipitate of S from  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  (423).

**385.** Any changes which occur whilst preparing the solution should be noted down; notice more particularly whether any gases are given off on heating with HCl; many of these gases may be detected by their smell, but a closer examination of them may be neglected, as they are obtained in the preliminary examination for acid-radicles (411). If the gases come off from the aqueous solution on adding HCl, or on mixing the HCl and aqueous solutions, they must have been present combined with metals as soluble salts, probably salts

of alkalis ; if they are evolved on treating the residue insoluble in water with HCl, they were present as insoluble salts.

**386. B. b. THE SUBSTANCE IS JUDGED FROM ITS METALLIC LUSTRE TO BE A METAL OR ALLOY.**

Examine it according to the directions (467).

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR METALS.**

387. The substance is required in the solid state for this examination ; hence if a solution is being analysed, some of it must be evaporated to dryness and the dry residue employed (see 381).

Carefully note down the appearance and physical properties of the substance : whether it is crystalline or amorphous,\* its hardness,† colour, smell, and anything which strikes you on a careful examination aided by a pocket-lens.

The following three experiments, together with some confirmatory ones (marked "Conf.") when necessary, are then to be tried on small quantities of the finely powdered substance, and the results obtained noted down.

For a fuller explanation of the form of the Table, see paragraph 376.

\* A body, if crystalline, consists of particles which have a definite and similar shape : the particles are amorphous if they show no similar and definite shape.

† The hardness of a substance may be roughly tested by trying to scratch it with the point of a penknife : if very easily scratched, it is soft ; if the knife will not scratch it, but simply marks it as a lead-pencil would do paper, it is very hard (e.g. Quartz).

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.												
388. Expt. I.—Heat a small quantity of the substance in a small test-tube or piece of hard-glass tubing drawn off at one end.	<p>a. The substance does not change.</p> <p>b. The substance changes.</p> <p>1. It changes colour.—</p> <table> <tr> <td>Yellow, hot</td> <td>white,</td> <td>cold.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yellow, brown "</td> <td>yellow</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yellow-brown "</td> <td>yellow</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dark red or brown } "</td> <td>red-brown,,</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The substance blackens—</p> <p>a. Emitting a smell of burning. The black carbon may be burnt off by strongly heating on platinum-foil with the blowpipe flame.</p> <p>Smell of acetone. Smell of burning sugar.</p> <p>b. Emitting no smell of burning. The colour is not removed by ignition as under a.</p> <p>2. It fuses, and becomes solid again on cooling.</p> <p>3. It sublimes.</p>	Yellow, hot	white,	cold.	Yellow, brown "	yellow	"	Yellow-brown "	yellow	"	Dark red or brown } "	red-brown,,		<p>Absence of organic substances which blacken and give off a smell of burning; of volatile substances which sublime; of substances which are altered by ignition; and of water combined with or absorbed by the substance, which would be evolved as steam and form drops on the side of the tube.</p> <p>ZnO. PbO. SnO<sub>2</sub> or Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.</p> <p>Presence of organic matter.</p> <p>An acetate. A tartrate. Probable presence of Co or Cu-salts.</p> <p>Salts of alkalis or certain salts of the alkaline earths. Compounds of Am, As, Hg; or free S, or I. HgCl<sub>2</sub>, As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.</p> <p>Probably Am-salt.</p> <p>HgS.  <math>\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{As}_2\text{S}_3 \\ \text{HgI}_2, \text{becomes scar-} \\ \text{let when rubbed.} \end{array} \right\}</math></p> <p>Presence of Hg.</p> <p>Presence of As.</p>
Yellow, hot	white,	cold.												
Yellow, brown "	yellow	"												
Yellow-brown "	yellow	"												
Dark red or brown } "	red-brown,,													
Confirmatory.—The sublimate is carefully examined, if necessary with the aid of a lens.														
389. Confirmatory.—If a sublimate has been obtained, but not otherwise, heat another portion of the substance, mixed with about three times as much Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> in fine dry powder and a little KCy, in a tube closed at one end, in the manner described under par. 147.														

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
390. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Mix also some of the substance with soda-lime in a mortar and moisten; or pour a little strong KHO solution upon it, and heat to boiling.	NH <sub>3</sub> is given off, known by its smell and by turning moist red litmus-paper blue or turmeric-paper brown.  <i>Note.</i> —The change in colour is only a trustworthy indication if it occurs very soon, as the NH <sub>3</sub> in laboratory air often causes it to occur after a time.	Presence of NH <sub>4</sub> .
391. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Examine the drops of water on the sides of the tube with blue and red litmus-papers.	Sublimate of reddish drops, } which are yellow when cold. } Violet vapour, cooling to blackish crystals. 4. <i>The substance gives off water.</i> It fuses first, then gives off water and again becomes solid if the heat is continued. It swells up considerably whilst giving of its water.	S, free or from certain polysulphides. Presence of I. Presence of water, absorbed or combined. Water of crystallisation. Borax and certain borates, alums, and phosphates. Probably NH <sub>4</sub> -compounds.
392. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Introduce a burning splinter of wood into the tube.	The water is alkaline.	Presence of volatile acids, e.g., HNO <sub>3</sub> , HCl, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .
393. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Introduce a glass rod, drawn out if necessary, and moistened with lime-water, into the tube.	The water is acid.  5. <i>Gas or vapour is given off.</i> * a. <i>It is without smell.</i> It burns more brightly, and if introduced with a spark at the end is inflamed. The flame is extinguished.	O, from chlorates, nitrates, peroxides, &c. CO <sub>2</sub> or N.
394. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Introduce a glass rod or slip of paper moistened with K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> .	The lime-water turns milky. The lime-water does not turn milky.  b. <i>The gas or vapour has a smell.</i> Smell of burning S. The K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> turns green; moist blue litmus is also reddened by the gas.	CO <sub>2</sub> from carbonates or oxalates. N (from AmNO <sub>2</sub> probably).  SO <sub>2</sub> from combustion of free S, or from acid sulphites, hyposulphites, reduction of sulphates or oxidation of sulphides.
395. <i>Confirmatory</i> .—Introduce a glass rod carrying a piece of moist litmus.	Red nitrous fumes are given off, known by their peculiar smell, and by not colouring starch paste orange-red. Smell resembling Cl:— Yellowish gas, which bleaches moist litmus.	Nitrates of heavy metals (e.g. of Pb, Bi, Hg, &c.) Cl from certain chlorides.

\* This will usually be shown by effervescence of the substance, or the gas or vapour is detected by the colour or smell; but the gas or vapour is often only found on testing for it specially by (392) and (393).

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
<b>396. Confirmatory.</b> —Introduce a glass rod with moist starch powder on its end, obtained by wetting a glass rod and dipping it into starch powder.	Brown vapour, which colours the moist starch powder orange-red. Violet vapour, which colours starch powder (or better, starch solution) blue. <i>c. The gas burns at the mouth of the tube with c.—</i> Pale greyish-green flame.	Br from certain bromides. I, free or from certain iodides.
	Bright white flame.	$\text{NH}_3$ , probably from strongly heated $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_2$ .
	<i>Purple flame.</i>	$\text{PH}_3$ , probably from a hypophosphite; the unburnt gas smells of garlic. Cy, from a cyanide, probably $\text{HgCy}_2$ .
<b>397. Exp. II.</b> —Dip a moistened loop of platinum-wire, which gives no colour to the Bunsen flame, into the substance, and hold the loop with the adhering powder near the top of the Bunsen flame or in the inner blowpipe flame. Then moisten with a drop of strong HCl and heat again. Continue the heating for some time.	<i>1. The substance colours the flame:—</i> <i>Intense yellow.</i>  <i>Pale violet, reddish-violet through cobalt glass or indigo-prism.</i>  <i>Yellowish-green.</i>  <i>Crimson, deep-red through cobalt glass or indigo-prism.</i> <i>Orange-red, dingy-green through indigo-prism.</i> <i>Green.</i>  <i>Blue.</i>  <i>2. The substance does not colour the flame.</i>	<b>Na.</b> If a violet or red colour is seen on examining the flame through cobalt-glass or the indigo-prism, either K or Sr, or both, are also present. <b>K.</b>  <b>Ba.</b> Certain other substances also give green colorations. <b>Sr.</b> <b>Ca.</b> $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ . Cu shows green outside and blue in the centre after being moistened with HCl. <b>Aa, Sb, Pb, CuCl<sub>2</sub>, CuBr<sub>2</sub>.</b> Probable absence of the above substances.  <b>NaCl and certain other crystalline salts.</b> Chlorates, nitrates, &c. <b>Salts of alkalis and certain salts of the alkaline earths.</b>  <b>Probably BaO, SrO, CaO, MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ZnO (or SiO<sub>2</sub>).</b> <b>BaO, SrO, CaO (MgO).</b>
<b>398. Exp. III.</b> —Heat the substance in a small cavity scooped in a piece of wood-charcoal, in the blowpipe flame.	<i>a. The substance decrepitates (crackles).</i> <i>b. The substance deflagrates (causes charcoal to burn rapidly).</i> <i>c. The substance fuses easily, and is absorbed by the charcoal, or forms a liquid bead.</i> <i>d. An infusible residue is left on the charcoal.</i> <i>1. The residue is white and very luminous.</i>	
<b>399. Confirmatory.</b> —Detach a portion of the cool residue from the charcoal, place it upon a piece of red litmus-paper, and moisten with a drop of water.	The paper turns blue, showing the residue to be alkaline.	

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
<b>400. Confirmatory.</b> —Moisten the residue on the charcoal when cool with several drops of $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution, and heat again strongly in the outer blowpipe flame.	A blue residue, the colour of which does not disappear with intense heat. A pink residue. A green residue.	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ (and some phosphates, silicates, and borates). $\text{MgO}$ . $\text{ZnO}$ .
<b>401. Confirmatory.</b> —Heat a small quantity of the substance in a clear colourless borax bead, first in the outer, then in the inner blowpipe flame.	2. The residue is coloured. Colour of bead: In outer flame. In inner flame. Green, hot. } Red, or colour- } cold Blue, cold. } less, } Blue, hot and } Blue, hot and } cold. cold. } Violet, hot. } Grey or opaque. Yellow, cold. } Brown-red, hot. } Green, hot and } cold. Yellow or co- } lourless, cold. } Green, hot and } Green, hot and } cold. cold. } Reddish-purple, } Colourless, hot } and cold. hot and cold. }	Cu. Co. Ni. Fe. Cr. Mn. } See (402).
<b>402. Confirmatory.</b> —The presence of Mn and Cr, if suspected, may be confirmed by fusing the substance with some powdered $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KNO}_3$ on platinum foil.	Light-yellow mass on cooling. Blue-green mass on cooling.	Cr. Mn. (See 406.)
<b>403. Confirmatory.</b> —Heat also some of the substance, mixed or covered with powdered $\text{KCy}$ and $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ (or $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ ), on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	3. The residue is coloured, or metallic scales or globules are seen. The substance is reduced to the metallic state. (See 407.)	Au, Ag, Cu, Pb, Sn, Sb, Bi; [Co, Ni, Fe, Mn form only grey powders]. Au, Ag, Cu, Co, Ni, Fe, Mn. Ag.] Au.] Cu. Fe, Co, Ni, Mn.
<b>404. Confirmatory.</b> —Detach several of the globules with the point of a knife, and strike them on the bottom of an inverted mortar with the pestle: if they flatten to a cake they are malleable, if crushed to a powder they are brittle.	a. Without incrustation. [Brilliant white metal. Yellow metal. Red scales or globules. Grey powder, attracted by a magnetised knife-blade. (See 407.)	
<i>Note.</i> —The appearance and malleability of one reduced metal is frequently much altered by the presence of another metal.		b. With incrustation:— Globules. Incrustation. White, malleable. None, or very slight.
		Sn: differs from Pb in being difficult to fuse into globules, and in not marking paper. Bl.
		Pb. The globules of Pb differ from those of Sn by marking paper as black lead does, if taken on the point of a knife.
		Sb.

Experiment.	Observation.		Inference.
	Globules. White or none. " " - None.	Incrustation. Yellow, hot; white, cold. Red-brown, easily volatilised when heated in the flame. White, and white fumes; smell of garlic.	Zn. Cd. As.
405. EXP. IV.—Fuse some of the substance, mixed with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame produced from a spirit-lamp; remove the fused mass when cold, place it on a bright silver coin, moisten with a drop of water, crush the mass, and let stand for several minutes.	On rinsing off the substance, the coin is found to be stained black (408). Also, if a drop of HCl be placed upon the mass, a smell of $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ is perceived, and lead-paper is blackened.		Presence of S, free or combined.  <i>Note.</i> —Since this reaction serves to detect S and sulphur-acid-radicles, it more properly belongs to the Preliminary Examination for acid-radicles.

## NOTES TO THE PRECEDING PRELIMINARY TABLE.

406. The green colour produced by Mn conceals the light yellow of Cr, but on boiling the residue with water it dissolves, giving a pink or purple solution, the colour of which is best seen on filtering; this colour is due to the presence of  $\text{KMnO}_4$ , and shows Mn to be present. On acidifying this solution with  $\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}$  and boiling again for several minutes, the purple colour is destroyed; and on filtering, the yellow colour due to the Cr is seen: the presence of Cr may be further confirmed by the formation of a yellow precipitate in the acid solution on addition of  $\text{PbA}_2$ .

407. The metal is best separated and examined by detaching the mass when cold from the charcoal, and powdering it by crushing in an agate mortar or on a watch-glass with a little water, letting stand for a short time, and then quickly pouring off the water down a glass rod or pestle which is wetted and pressed against its edge; by several times repeating this operation, the heavier metallic particles alone are left in the mortar or watch-glass.

408. This stain is removed by rubbing the coin with a little lime made into a paste with water.

409. *Note.*—When the substance to be examined contains several bodies, they frequently more or less mask one another's reactions: thus Co if mixed with Fe will give a bead green whilst hot and blue when cold, thus resembling Cu, but differing in remaining blue in the inner flame: hence the composition of many complex mixtures is only roughly indicated by the Preliminary Examination, and must be confirmed and established in the wet way. Many substances, more particularly minerals, however, can be completely analysed by a careful Preliminary Examination.

### PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR ACID-RADICLES.

**410.** The substance is required for this examination in the state of powder or of *strong* solution.

If the substance given for analysis is a solution, part of it may be evaporated to dryness: the dry residue is then finely powdered and subjected to the following tests. If several acid-radicles and metals are present, the reactions may be more or less perfectly concealed or altered, hence failure in obtaining a certain reaction does not necessarily prove the absence of an acid-radicle.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
<b>411. Exp. I.</b> —Treat some of the substance with dilute HCl and note the result, then heat (416).	<i>One or more of the following gases may be evolved:—</i>  A colourless gas without smell, which turns milky a drop of lime-water on the end of a glass rod.  A gas of suffocating smell, which turns a drop of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution green. Yellow S is precipitated at the same time.  A gas with fetid odour, which blackens a drop of $PbA_2$ solution, or a piece of lead-paper. (See 417.)  Reddish fumes.  A yellowish green gas, of suffocating smell, which bleaches moist litmus-paper, is evolved:  a. In the cold; and also evolved on adding $H_2O_2$ . b. Only when heated.  A colourless gas, smelling of bitter almonds.	$CO_2$ from a carbonate.  $SO_2$ from a sulphite. $SO_2$ and S from a theiosulphate.*  $H_2S$ from a sulphide; or possibly from a sulphite or hyposulphite, if Zn or other reducing agent be present.  $N_2O_3$ from a nitrite.  Cl from hypochlorites. Cl from action of HCl on oxidising substances, e.g., $MnO_2$ , chromates, nitrates, chlorates, &c. HCl from a cyanide.

\* Formerly called a "hyposulphite."

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
412. Exp. II.—Heat another portion gently with strong $H_2SO_4$ .	<p>Any gas or gases evolved in Exp. I. will probably be evolved also by strong <math>H_2SO_4</math>; no further attention need be paid to them; but in addition to these one or more acid gases may be given off.</p> <p>A gas is evolved with pungent smell, which fumes in the air, and renders milky a drop of <math>AgNO_3</math> solution made acid with <math>HNO_3</math>.</p> <p>1. The liquid does not become brown or violet or give off coloured vapour when heated.</p> <p>2. Brown vapours are given off on heating, which colour a little moist starch powder, orange-red.</p> <p>3. Violet vapours are given off, when the mixture is heated, which colour a drop of starch-paste blue.</p> <p>4. A heavy fuming suffocating gas is evolved, and the liquid behaves as if the glass were greasy; on rinsing out the tube, and drying it thoroughly, the inside is seen to be corroded and dimmed.</p> <p>5. The acid fumes are reddish, usually seen only on heating after adding a few fragments of Cu.</p>	<p>HCl, HBr, HI, (HF)* from chloride, bromide, iodide (fluoride).</p> <p>Probably HCl from a chloride, confirmed by heating with <math>MnO_2</math> and <math>H_2SO_4</math> when Cl is given off (418).</p> <p>Br from a bromide.†</p> <p>I from an iodide.†</p> <p>HF from a fluoride.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>—The HF acting upon the silica of the glass evolves <math>SiF_4</math>, which is detected by holding a molten glass rod in the gas, <math>SiO_2</math> is deposited as a gelatinous film upon it.</p> <p>Presence of a nitrate.</p> <p><i>Note.</i>—If iodine is present it must be separated by <math>Cu_2SO_4</math> (266) before a nitrate can be detected.</p>
413. <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Drop into the hot liquid a few small pieces of copper.	<p>A dark brown ring or layer forms upon the surface of acid, best obtained on cooling the liquid by immersing the test-tube in cold water.</p>	Presence of a nitrate.
414. <i>Confirmatory.</i> —Boil some of the substance with water (or take some of the solution if a liquid), add about twice as much strong $H_2SO_4$ , cool, and pour solution of $FeSO_4$ carefully in upon the top of the acid liquid.	<p>6. Greenish - yellow gas, smelling like Cl, and exploding when warmed. Confirm by adding indigo solution and <math>H_2SO_4</math> to the colourless aqueous solution of the substance (262).</p> <p>For detection of a nitrate and chlorate when mixed, see (266).</p>	Presence of a chlorate.

\* HF would also render the drop milky by depositing  $SiO_2$  from the  $SiF_4$  formed by its action on the glass, but it is distinguished by corroding the glass. (See 412, 4, note.)

† Br and I may be more perfectly liberated by mixing the substance with a little  $MnO_2$  before adding  $H_2SO_4$  and heating.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
	7. The substance changes from yellow to green, O being evolved as is shown by a glowing taper.	Presence of a chromate.
	8. Yellowish - green gas, with suffocating smell, which bleaches moist litmus.	Cl from a hypochlorite (detected already in 411), or from a chloride in presence of $MnO_2$ , &c.
	9. The same gas as in 8, but coloured reddish - brown by nitrous fumes:	A chloride in presence of a nitrate or nitrite.
	9a. Or coloured by $CrOCl_2$ .	A chloride in presence of a chromate.
	10. Substance does not blacken, but evolves CO (burning with a blue flame) and $CO_2$ (turning a drop of lime-water milky).	Presence of an oxalate.
	11. Substance blackens, and $SO_2$ is smelt.	Presence of a tartrate.
	12. A smell of acetic acid (vinegar) is noticed.	HA from an acetate.
415. Confirmatory.—Add a little alcohol to the substance and heat with $H_2SO_4$ .	Strong fragrant odour.	Ethyl-acetate from an acetate.

## NOTES ON THE PRECEDING TABLE.

416. If HCl has been employed in dissolving the substance, the acid-radicles detected by the action of HCl will have been already noticed in preparing the solution for metals (383).

417. The S present in sulphides which are not decomposed by dilute HCl, is detected by fusing the powdered substance with two or three times as much fusion mixture in a covered crucible, boiling with a little water, and placing a drop upon a piece of bright silver (e.g., a silver coin), when a dark stain will be produced; or by adding excess of an acid to the solution, when  $H_2S$  will be evolved. Smaller quantities of S may be detected by the formation of a black colour or precipitate on adding  $Pb\bar{A}_2$  to the solution.

418. Chlorides treated in this manner evolve Cl, recognised by its colour, smell, and bleaching action on litmus-paper; but this test for chlorides is reliable only if the precautions stated in (259) are attended to, since many samples of  $MnO_2$  evolve Cl when warmed alone with  $H_2SO_4$ .

**ACTUAL EXAMINATION FOR METALS.**

After the preceding Preliminary Examinations have been made, the substance is further examined in a more systematic manner in solution. This is often called "The Examination in the Wet Way."

## 419. GENERAL TABLE FOR SEPARATION OF

*Note.*—If the substance for analysis be a liquid with *alkaline* reaction, it be at once examined as directed below.

In this Table and also in the Group Tables which follow, it has been supposed that will be produced when the reagent is added for its detection; and hence

Add to the greater part of the "original solution" \* HCl; if any precipitate is produced, continue

The precipitate may contain—  PbCl <sub>2</sub> —white. AgCl—white. Hg <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> —white. (See 422.)	The filtrate or solution, which must give no further precipitate than saturated with H <sub>2</sub> S by passing the gas through it  The precipitate may contain—  HgS—black PbS—black } Insoluble Bi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> —black } and in CuS—black } Am <sub>2</sub> S. CdS—yellow }	Boil the solution or the filtrate (completely precipitated) in a pressure-jar several minutes, concentrate. [If the presence of SiO <sub>2</sub> , be seen, it will usually have been driedness, and the residue and adding water; SiO <sub>2</sub> , if present, will remain.] If the presence of a phosphate, warm gently; a yellow precipitate will form. Add to the rest of the HCl add Am <sub>2</sub> O in excess, but keeping the funnel closely covered.
Examine the precipitate by Table I. (423).	SnS—brown SnS—yellow } Soluble Sb <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> —orange } in KHO As <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> —yellow } and in [Au <sub>2</sub> S—black] } Am <sub>2</sub> S. [PtS <sub>2</sub> —black]	[Refer to par. 43.]
<i>Note.</i> —The absence of Pb is not proved, if it is not precipitated in this group, as PbCl <sub>2</sub> is somewhat soluble, and Pb may therefore be found only in Group II.	<i>Note 1.</i> —This precipitate should not be examined at once, as possibly a precipitate may be formed on boiling the filtrate, and this precipitate would have to be added to the above.  <i>Note 2.</i> —Unless the liquid has been sufficiently diluted some of the above metals may be afterwards precipitated by Am <sub>2</sub> S in Group III., and cause much confusion.	Examine the precipitate by Table III. A. (436).

## NOTES TO THE GENERAL TABLE.

420. If the liquid under examination is alkaline in reaction, before commencing to examine it by the General Table HNO<sub>3</sub> must be added in excess; if no precipitate forms, proceed at once to examine the liquid by the General Table; if a precipitate is produced, more HNO<sub>3</sub> is to be added, and the liquid heated; should a precipitate still remain, it is filtered off and the filtrate examined by the General Table, commencing with the addition of HCl.

\* By the "original solution" is meant the solution of the substance (if a solid), or the substance itself (if a liquid), to which no reagent has been added.

### METALS INTO GROUPS BY GROUP-REAGENTS.

requires special treatment (see 420); if its reaction be *neutral* or *acid*, it may that all metals are present: if a metal or group of metals is absent, no precipi-  
no filtration is necessary, the solution being then treated as the filtrate.

to add HCl as long as it causes any further precipitate (421), warm and filter:

on addition of several drops of HCl (428), is diluted with water (425), unless it is already dilute; solution \* (500 a), and warmed gently (426 and 426 a) and filtered.

(which has been diluted and had H<sub>2</sub>S passed again into it, to make sure that Group II. is com-  
complain dish until it ceases to smell of H<sub>2</sub>S (427), then add a little strong HNO<sub>3</sub>, and boil for  
ing if necessary †—

pected, or if organic substances are likely to be present (the presence of organic substances  
cated by the body blackening in Exp. 388) the solution must here be evaporated to complete  
gently ignited in the dish, then dissolved (after cooling) by warming with a little strong HCl  
present, will remain undissolved (428).]

is suspected add a few drops of the acid solution to some AmHMnO<sub>4</sub> solution in a test-tube, and  
cipitate shows the *presence of a phosphate*, and the rest of the solution must be examined by  
cipitate is formed with AmHMnO<sub>4</sub>, phosphates are absent.

solution (which has been freed from H<sub>2</sub>S as directed above) AmCl, heat it to boiling, then  
again and filter off at once any precipitate which may form as quickly as possible,  
covered with a glass plate (429):—

*et seq.*

Add to the filtrate or solution, which may be coloured (430), Am<sub>2</sub>S in excess, boil and  
filter:—

The precipitate may con-  
tain—

ZnS—white.  
MnS—light-pink.  
CoS—black.  
NiS—black.

Examine this precipitate at  
once by Table III. s (437).

*Note.*—If the filtrate is brown,  
Ni is often easily detected in it.  
(See 431.)

Add to the filtrate or solution, which must be distinctly  
yellow or brown (431), Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, warm gently and  
filter:—

The precipitate (432) may  
contain—

BaCO<sub>3</sub>—white.  
SrCO<sub>3</sub>—white.  
CaCO<sub>3</sub>—white.

Examine the precipitate by  
Table IV. (438).

The filtrate may contain  
Mg, K, Na.

Examine by Table V.  
(439).

The precipitate caused and not dissolved by HNO<sub>3</sub> may be finely divided sulphur, separated as a *white* powder from a sulphide, or *yellow* from a theiosulphate; ‡ this precipitate is recognised by its colour, and by not being separable by standing or filtration, it may be disregarded; there may also be precipitated H<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> (gelatinous, almost colourless), SnO<sub>2</sub> (or metastannic acid, see 420 a), Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, AgCl (all

\* Instead of diluting and passing the gas, H<sub>2</sub>S-solution may be added.

† If silicates, phosphates, and organic substances are known to be  
absent, the following portion enclosed in square brackets may be  
omitted.

‡ Often called a "hyposulphite."

three white),  $\text{SnS}_2$ ,  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$  (both yellow),  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$  (orange); hence a full examination of this precipitate for all that it may contain will involve boiling the precipitate with aqua regia, diluting and filtering; the insoluble residue is examined as a substance insoluble in water and acids (475) and the aqua regia solution is added to the filtrate from the precipitate caused by  $\text{HNO}_3$ ; any precipitate caused on thus mixing the solutions being examined by Table I. (433).

**420 *a*.** Metastannic acid is precipitated from a solution of an alkaline-metastannate by addition of an acid: it forms a white precipitate which becomes *golden-yellow* when moistened with  $\text{SnCl}_2$  solution; it is further recognised by its dissolving whilst being washed in the washing-water, but being reprecipitated when the washings run into the acid filtrate.

**421.** Even if  $\text{HCl}$  has been used in dissolving the substance, it is advisable to add a few drops of the acid to make sure that no member of Group I. remains.

**422.** It must be remembered that  $\text{HCl}$  precipitates (in addition to  $\text{AgCl}$ ,  $\text{PbCl}_2$ ,  $\text{Hg}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) strong Ba solutions; this precipitate however disappears on diluting with water and heating, thus differing from the three chlorides mentioned above.

**423.** If  $\text{HNO}_3$  or aqua regia has been used in dissolving the substance, or if the solution smells of  $\text{Cl}$  or  $\text{SO}_2$ , it should be boiled down considerably until after adding  $\text{HCl}$  and boiling, neither of the above gases is smelt; it is then diluted, and  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  passed whether the dilution has caused any precipitate or no.

If As has been detected in the preliminary examination,  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  should be added until the liquid smells of  $\text{SO}_2$  after having been boiled for a short time, and the liquid is then heated for some time short of boiling until it no longer smells of  $\text{SO}_2$ . This treatment reduces arsenic or stannic compounds to the arsenious and stannous condition. In the case of As this reduction is to be recommended, since arsenic compounds are not easily precipitated by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ; it is also very desirable to reduce stannic compounds, since  $\text{SnS}_2$  (unlike  $\text{SnS}$ ) readily runs through the filter, and being yellow in colour may be passed over as S. It will of course be necessary to ascertain by special tests (187-190, and 201-203), made on the *original solution*, in which state As and Sn were originally present. If any precipitate is produced by boiling with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  other than white sulphur, refer to (424).

**424.** Whilst boiling with  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  some  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  is usually formed, which may partially or completely precipitate Pb, Ba, Sr as white sulphates;  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  will also possibly precipitate Au, which causes the cool liquid to appear blue by transmitted and red by reflected light, and on boiling separates as a black powder. Examine any precipitate thus formed by  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  by Table G (434).

**425.** On addition of water, Bi, Sb, Sn may give white precipitates of

their oxychlorides ; these precipitates may be disregarded, since  $H_2S$  readily converts them into sulphides.

**426.**  $H_2S$  often causes a fine *white* precipitate of S, owing to the presence of certain oxidising substances, such as Cl,  $HNO_3$ ,  $HClO_3$ ,  $H_2CrO_4$ ,  $H_2MnO_4$ ,  $HMnO_4$ ,  $H_2SO_3$ ,  $Fe_2Cl_6$ , &c. ; this precipitate is known by its perfect whiteness, and by not being separable by standing or filtration, it may be neglected ; great care must however be taken not to pass over  $SnS_2$  as S, it resembles S in running through filter paper, but is distinctly *yellow* in colour, it may often be coagulated by being shaken or heated.

**426a.** Certain changes may be observed whilst  $H_2S$  is being passed, they should be carefully noted. Thus Pb and Hg during precipitation by  $H_2S$  show characteristic colours (149, 144) ; a solution coloured reddish-yellow by  $H_2CrO_4$  becomes green ; and a solution coloured green by  $H_2MnO_4$  or purple by  $HMnO_4$  becomes colourless.

**427.** If on boiling the filtrate or solution after passing  $H_2S$  a yellow precipitate forms, this shows the presence of an arsenic or a stannic compound ; in this case pass  $H_2S$  into the boiling-hot liquid as long as it causes any further precipitate, filter off and add this precipitate to any precipitate already obtained by  $H_2S$  to be examined by Table II.

**428.** Other substances may be present in this residue besides  $SiO_2$ , but  $SiO_2$  is distinguished from them all by readily dissolving in hot KHO solution.

The other substances which may remain undissolved by HCl are  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $Fe_2O_3$ ,  $Cr_2O_3$ , rendered difficultly soluble by the ignition to which the residue has been subjected ; they are dissolved by long-continued heating with strong HCl, and the solution is added to the other solution which is to be examined for Group III. A.

$BaSO_4$  and  $SrSO_4$  may also remain undissolved ; they are detected by heating some of the residue strongly for a short time in the inner blow-pipe flame upon a loop of platinum wire, then moistening the loop with a drop of strong HCl and holding it in the outer part of the Bunsen flame ; crimson-red flashes, appearing red through the indigo-prism, prove the presence of Sr, a yellowish-green flame coloration shows Ba.

A less ready method of detecting Ba and Sr is to dry the insoluble residue, fuse it on platinum-foil with three or four times as much fusion mixture ; allow it to cool, then boil with water until the mass is disintegrated, filter, wash the residue well upon the filter, and examine it by Table IV. (438) for Ba and Sr only.

**429.** Mn and Zn are very liable to be precipitated with  $Fe_2Ho_6$ ,  $Al_2Ho_6$ ,  $Cr_2Ho_6$ . The precipitation of Mn is partly prevented by keeping the liquid from exposure to the air after adding AmHO : but the further precaution should be taken of dissolving the precipitate produced by AmHO in HCl and reprecipitating it by AmHO, then filtering and adding the filtrate to the original filtrate from the Group III. A pre-

cipitate : this treatment of the precipitate should be repeated several times, if small quantities of Zn or Mn have to be looked for in presence of Al or Fe ; or better still Groups III. A and III. B may be precipitated together (459) and the precipitate examined by Table III. C (464, 465).

430. The filtrate or solution, after adding AmCl and AmHO, may be coloured *blue* by Ni, or *reddish-violet* by Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> which is dissolved in the excess of AmHO.

The Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> must be removed before proceeding to examine for the three remaining Groups ; it is readily separated as a pale-green flocculent precipitate by boiling the liquid for a short time in a porcelain dish, adding a little more AmHO if the liquid does not smell of NH<sub>3</sub>, after being boiled for a short time; this precipitate is filtered off, and the filtrate, which is colourless if the Cr has been entirely removed by boiling the liquid sufficiently long, is further examined for Groups III. B., IV., and V. by the General Table.

The coloration due to Ni differs from that caused by Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> in not being thus removed by boiling the liquid.

431. A *brown* or *dark coloured* filtrate shows that Ni is present,\* some of the NiS precipitated by Am<sub>2</sub>S having been dissolved in the excess of Am<sub>2</sub>S and giving the filtrate its dark colour. If this coloration is noticed the filtrate should be poured into a porcelain dish and boiled, occasionally adding water if necessary, until on removing the lamp for a short time the black NiS settles, leaving a colourless liquid. The liquid is then run through a small filter, the colourless filtrate examined by the General Table for Groups IV. and V., and the black precipitate tested for Ni by fusing a portion of the filter-paper stained by the NiS in a colourless borax-bead ; if a bead is obtained which when heated in the outer flame is *violet* or *brown* whilst hot and *yellow* when cold, and *which becomes grey and opaque in the inner flame*, Ni is certainly present and need not be further tested for in Table III. B.

432. Part of the precipitate produced by Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> often adheres firmly to the inside of the vessel in which it has been produced, in this case rinse the tube out several times with distilled water and then dissolve the precipitate by pouring in some hot H $\ddot{A}$ , causing it to run over the inside of the tube, and add this solution to the H $\ddot{A}$  solution of the Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> precipitate made in Table IV.

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\* If Groups III. A and III. B have been precipitated together by AmCl, AmHO, and Am<sub>2</sub>S added in succession (459) the brown coloration of the filtrate may also be due to Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> : on boiling the filtrate coloured by Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> in a porcelain dish for several minutes, *pale green* Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub> is precipitated which cannot be mistaken for *black* NiS.

## 433. TABLE I.—SILVER GROUP.

The precipitate produced by HCl may consist of PbCl<sub>2</sub>, AgCl, and Hg'Cl<sub>2</sub>: the precipitate on the filter is washed five or six times with boiling water, the first portions of the washings being kept apart:—

<p>The first portions of the washings may contain PbCl<sub>2</sub> in solution, which if present in any quantity will be deposited in brilliant crystals on cooling. Test for, or confirm, the presence of Pb by adding to the washings K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>: a yellow precipitate readily soluble in KHO:—</p> <p><i>Presence of Pb.</i></p>	<p><i>Residue:</i> pour upon the precipitate on the filter some hot AmHO; when this has run through, heat it again, and pour it once more upon the filter:—</p> <p><i>Filtrate:</i> add HNO<sub>3</sub> until the liquid is acid: white precipitate, uniting into curdy particles when shaken or boiled:—</p> <p><i>Presence of Ag.</i></p>	<p><i>Residue</i> on the filter is black? dry at a gentle heat (best in a steam-bath), scrape the precipitate off the filter, mix with some dry Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and heat in a small tube closed at one end, observing the precautions in the note to par. 147.</p> <p>Small globules of Hg form on the sides of the tube, often appearing only when the inside of the tube is rubbed or examined with a lens:—</p> <p><i>Presence of Hg' (Mercurosum).</i></p>
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434. TABLE G.—EXAMINATION OF PRECIPITATE FORMED ON BOILING THE HCl SOLUTION WITH H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>. (See par. 424, p. 234.)

The precipitate produced by H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> may contain Au, PbSO<sub>4</sub>, BaSO<sub>4</sub>, and SrSO<sub>4</sub>; the last three substances are perfectly white, and Au if present is therefore usually seen by colouring the precipitate brown or black; the Au is also usually visible during precipitation by H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>, or after the white sulphates have subsided, since it colours the liquid blue by transmitted and reddish by reflected light.

Ba and Sr can often be at once detected (if present) by taking a little of the moist precipitate on a loop of platinum wire, heating in the inner blowpipe flame for some time, moistening with HCl, and examining the flame coloration; but a more reliable method of proceeding is the following:—

Rinse the precipitate into a small porcelain dish, using as little water as possible; dissolve in the liquid a small crystal of H<sub>4</sub>T or add a few drops of strong H<sub>A</sub>; then add AmHO until it is just in excess and boil for a short time, let stand and decant through a filter:—

<p><i>Solution</i> may contain PbSO<sub>4</sub>; add H<sub>A</sub> in excess, then K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub>; a yellow precipitate soluble in KHO:—</p> <p><i>Presence of Pb.</i></p>	<p><i>Residue:</i> pour upon the residue in the dish a little HCl and a few drops of HNO<sub>3</sub>, heat to boiling, let stand, decant into a porcelain dish:—</p> <p><i>Solution:</i> boil until the smell of Cl is removed, add several drops of fresh FeSO<sub>4</sub> solution; blue coloration and reddish precipitate:—</p> <p><i>Presence of Au.</i></p>	<p><i>Residue:</i> dry by gently heating the dish, fuse with fusion mixture on platinum-foil, and examine the mass for Ba and Sr as directed in the last par. of (428).</p>
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## 435. TABLE II.—COPPER AND

The precipitate produced by  $H_2S$  in the HCl solution, after having washing water, collected in a test-tube, give no precipitate or only the filter and boiled with KHO or a small quantity of  $Am_2S$ ,\* and

## 435 a.

## GROUP II. A.—COPPER GROUP.

*The Residue* may contain  $HgS$  (black),  $PbS$ ,  $Bi_2S_3$ ,  $CuS$ ,  $CdS$ . After having washed the precipitate and allowed it to drain, remove it from the filter into a porcelain dish (26 d), pour upon it strong  $HNO_3$  sufficient to cover it completely, and heat gently as long as any red fume come off, adding more strong  $HNO_3$  if necessary to prevent evaporation to dryness. Boil off nearly all the acid, add a little water and dilute  $H_2SO_4$ , let stand for some time stirring occasionally, and filter:—

*Residue* may contain  $HgS$  (black),  $PbS$  (white), (note 1).

Remove the precipitate into a porcelain dish, using as little water as possible; add a little HA, then AmHO in excess, boil and filter:—

*Residue*: dry on the filter at a gentle heat [best in the steam oven]. Scrape the dried residue off the filter (note 2), and heat it, mixed with dry  $Na_2CO_3$ , in a small ignition-tube; globules of Hg form on the sides of the tube, which become visible when rubbed or when looked for by a lens:—

*Presence of Hg'* (as Mercuricum).

*Filtrate*: Add HA in excess, then  $K_2CrO_4$ ; a yellow precipitate:—

*Presence of Pb*.

*Filtrate* may contain  $Bi$ ,  $Cu$ ,  $Cd$ .

Add AmHO in excess, boil and filter:—

[*Note*.—A blue coloration shows presence of Cu.]

*Precipitate* (not easily seen in dark blue solutions): wash with hot water, dissolve off the filter by pouring upon it a few drops of boiling dilute HCl; pour this solution into a large quantity of cold distilled water, a milky suspension appearing at once or after stirring and letting stand for some time, shows

*Presence of Bi*.

[*Note*.—A precipitate produced by AmHO must always be tested as above for Bi, since Pb and Hg might possibly appear here as white precipitates and be mistaken for Bi.]

*Filtrate*: add HCl until the liquid acid, then pass  $H_2S$  to saturation, filter and wash quickly, keeping the filter covered with a glass plate; remove the precipitate into a small porcelain dish, pour upon it a dilute  $H_2SO_4$ , boil and filter through a covered filter (note 3):—

*Residue*: dissolve by pouring a little boiling  $HNO_3$  upon the filter, add to the solution AmHO in excess, then HA in excess and a few drops of  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$ ; a chocolate-red precipitate shows:—

*Presence of Cu*.

*Filtrate*: add more water and pass  $H_2S$  for some time (or add much  $H_2S$ -water); a yellow precipitate shows:—

*Presence of Cd*.

[*Note*.—If the precipitate is dark coloured,  $CuS$  is present (see Note 3): filter it off, boil it once more with  $H_2SO_4$ ; filter again; test the filtrate by  $H_2S$ , as above, if Cd.]

\* If traces of Cu have to be tested for,  $Na_2S$  should be substituted.

*Note 1.*—A white residue does not necessarily show the absence of Hg.

*Note 2.*—If the amount of the residue is too small to be removed, the portion of the paper containing it may be cut up and mixed with  $Na_2CO_3$ . For the precautions requisite in performing this test see par. (147).

*Note 3.*—Unless this precipitate is filtered in a covered funnel, washed quickly, and examined at once,  $CuS$  is liable to be oxidised and to pass into the filtrate as  $CuSO_4$ ; it then discolours the  $CdS$  precipitate, or may be entirely overlooked if present in small quantity.

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been well washed with hot water until the last few drops of the very slight milkiness on addition of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , is removed from filtered :—

## GROUP II. B.—ARSENIC GROUP.

*The filtrate* may contain  $\text{As}_2\text{S}_3$ ,  $\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3$ ,  $\text{SnS}_2$ , ( $\text{Sn S}$ ) [ $\text{AuS}_2$ ,  $\text{PtS}_2$ ]. Add to it HCl until it is acid; the above sulphides if present will be reprecipitated; filter.

[*Note*.—A mere milkiness due to precipitation of S may be disregarded. If KHO or NaHO have been used above to dissolve these sulphides,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  must be passed into the acid filtrate, and any further precipitate thus obtained must be added to the precipitate obtained on acidifying; this precaution is unnecessary if  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  or  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$  has been employed.]

The following method of examining the precipitate may then be employed (see note 4, below) :—

**435b.** Remove the precipitate from the filter, using as little water as possible, into a porcelain dish; add a little strong HCl and heat, occasionally dropping in a crystal of  $\text{KClO}_3$ , until the precipitate dissolves entirely or leaves only a slight residue of sulphur. Heat this solution just short of boiling (note 5) until it ceases to smell of Cl (note 6), then cool it and pour it (through a filter, if necessary,) into small flask (181) containing pieces of pure Zn: if the gas does not come off readily, add a little strong HCl, and cause the gas after passing through some  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$  solution (see caution, 181) to bubble through some  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution contained in a broad test-tube. As soon as the evolution of gas slackens, drop in more Zn, unless some remains undissolved in the flask, and as soon as the gas ceases to come off (some Zn still remaining undissolved), the test-tube containing the  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution is removed; if any black precipitate has formed in this solution it must be tested as below; if the liquid has remained clear and colourless it may be rejected, since As and Sb are absent.

*Residue* in the flask may consist of Sn (Pt, Au), and excess of Zn; remove any deposit of Sn by shaking the pieces of Zn well with the liquid and quickly pouring off into a dish, decant the liquid and wash the Sn by decantation in the dish: boil the residue with a little strong HCl in a test-tube, then quickly dilute, decant (note 7), and add  $\text{HgCl}_2$  to the solution; a white precipitate (becoming black with AmHO) shows:—

*Presence of Sn* (note 8).

*To the liquid in the test-tube add several drops of  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution, filter:—*

*Precipitate:* wash well with boiling water until HCl gives no milkiness with the last few drops of the washing-water, then pour upon the filter a little boiling dilute  $\text{H}_2\bar{\text{T}}$  solution, boil it and pour it again through the filter; repeat this several times, then add to the solution HCl and pass  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ; an orange-red precipitate shows:—

*Presence of Sb.*

*Note.*—This precipitate is often only seen on settling from the yellow liquid.

*Filtrate:* dilute several drops of AmHO largely in a test-tube and add this liquid drop by drop to the filtrate: a light-yellow precipitate, which settles into flocks on shaking the liquid, shows:—

*Presence of As* (note 8).

for  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , since  $\text{CuS}$  is somewhat soluble in  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .

*Note 4.*—The detection of As, Sb, Sn by the method given in (435b) is very trustworthy and delicate (208); it is excelled in these respects by the method in (210). For beginners, however, the process (209) is recommended by its greater simplicity.

*Note 5.*—The solution must not be heated to boiling, else  $\text{SbCl}_5$  or  $\text{SnCl}_4$  might be volatilised if present.

*Note 6.*—In this solution As and Sn will be present as stannic arsenicum, and in this state are not well suited for detection: the following modification makes their detection much more rapid and

certain, especially when they are present only in small quantity. After warming until the liquid ceases to smell of Cl, add  $H_2SO_4$ , drop by drop, until the liquid after being warmed for a short time smells of  $SO_2$ ; then heat it short of boiling until the smell of  $SO_2$  is removed, and pour (through a filter, if necessary,) into the H-apparatus. Great care must be taken to remove the  $SO_2$  entirely, else Sb and As may remain as sulphides in the H-apparatus.

*Note 7.*—A residue here will contain Au or Pt if they are present: if they are to be tested refer to (473 and 474).

*Note 8.*—The precipitation by  $H_2S$  in the General Table will often show in what condition As or Sn were present (427): further distinctive tests may be tried on the original solution by (187–190) and (201–203).

### 436. TABLE III. A.—IRON GROUP.

The precipitate produced by boiling, after addition of  $AmCl$  and of  $AmHO$  in excess, may contain  $Al_2Ho_6$ ,  $Cr_2Ho_6$ ,  $Fe_2Ho_6$ : the colour of the precipitate will usually show whether it contains any quantity of  $Fe_2Ho_6$  (reddish-brown), or  $Cr_2Ho_6$  (pale-green), since  $Al_2Ho_6$  is colourless.

Dissolve the precipitate by pouring upon the filter a little boiling dilute HCl, add to the solution pure NaHO in excess, boil for some time and filter:—

1. *Filtrate* may contain  $Al_2Ho_6$  dissolved in excess of NaHO.  
Add HCl gradually to the liquid, shaking meanwhile with a small piece of blue litmus-paper: just as the liquid becomes neutral a colourless gelatinous precipitate will form, should Al be present. If acid is added in excess this precipitate dissolves, but reappears on adding AmHO in excess. The appearance of this precipitate shows:—

*Presence of Al.*

*Note.*—Caustic soda and potash is very liable to contain  $Al_2Ho_6$ : the analyst must ascertain that the Al does not come from this source.

2. *Precipitate* may contain  $Cr_2Ho_6$  and  $Fe_2Ho_6$ . Dry upon the filter, carefully avoiding charring the paper; when sufficiently dried the substance will have shrunk considerably into small, hard, dark-coloured pieces: detach these from the filter and fuse them with a little solid  $Na_2CO_3$  and  $KNO_3$  upon a piece of platinum-foil with turned-up edges, and either supported upon a pipe-clay triangle or held in the Bunsen flame by crucible-tongs. Continue the fusion by heating the under surface of the foil in the blowpipe flame as long as any frothing occurs, then allow to cool; a yellow mass indicates the presence of Cr (note 1). Boil the platinum-foil in a small porcelain dish with water until the substance is entirely dissolved or only a dark-brown powder ( $Fe_2O_3$ ) remains undissolved; take out the foil, allow the powder to settle, and decant the liquid through a filter:—

3. *Residue* in porcelain dish; dissolve by pouring in a little HCl and boiling, add some water, then a few drops of KCyS solution; a blood-red coloration shows:—

*Presence of Fe* (note 2).

4. *Filtrate* will be yellow if Cr is present (note 1 a). Add HA gradually until it is in excess (shown by the colour becoming reddish), boil for several minutes, then add  $PbAc_2$  solution; a yellow precipitate shows:—

*Presence of Cr* (note 3).

*Note 1.*—If Mn was present in the original substance, it is often precipitated more or less completely with the Fe, and will be detected by imparting to the fused mass a bluish-green colour; this should be noted, as the Mn may possibly be entirely precipitated in this group, and will then not be detected in the next group.

*Note 1 a.*—The green colour, due to the presence of Mn, conceals the pale yellow colour due to Cr; but on dissolving the cool mass in water and boiling with H<sub>4</sub>A, the manganese coloration is destroyed; and, on filtering from any dark-coloured precipitate, the yellow colour due to the Cr becomes evident.

*Note 2.*—Fe is always detected here in the ferric condition, since even if originally present as ferrosum, it will have been oxidised by boiling with HNO<sub>3</sub> as directed in the General Table. To ascertain in which condition the Fe was present, boil some of the original substance with HCl, and divide the HCl solution (filtered if necessary) into two parts: to one portion add K<sub>8</sub>Fe<sub>2</sub>Cy<sub>12</sub>, a dark-blue precipitate shows presence of Fe' (*Ferrosum*): to another portion add KCyS, a blood-red colour shows presence of Fe'' (*Ferricum*).

*Note 3.*—Cr may have been present as a chromic salt (Cr replacing H in an acid) or a chromate (Cr being united with O to form an acid-radicle). Ascertain in which state it was present by boiling some of the original substance with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution and filtering; a yellow filtrate, which on being acidified with H<sub>4</sub>A gives a yellow precipitate with PbA<sub>2</sub>, shows that Cr was present as a chromate; Cr previously combined with an acid as a chromic salt, remains undissolved as green Cr<sub>2</sub>Ho<sub>6</sub>, and does not colour the filtrate: it is found by 2 (in the above Table).

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### 437. TABLE III. B.—ZINC GROUP.

The precipitate produced by Am<sub>2</sub>S may contain ZnS, MnS, NiS, CoS. The colour of the precipitate will usually show whether it contains any quantity of NiS or CoS which are black, or consists only of MnS (pink) or ZnS (white).

*Note.*—The presence of Ni, indicated by the filtrate, after boiling with AmHO in the General Table, being blue in colour, and also by a dark-brown filtrate being obtained after boiling with Am<sub>2</sub>S, will usually have been proved to a certainty by the examination in the borax bead of the black NiS, precipitated by boiling the dark-brown filtrate from Am<sub>2</sub>S (431); if Ni has been thus detected its further detection in the Am<sub>2</sub>S precipitate, as directed below, will be unnecessary.

Remove the precipitate from the filter with cold dilute HCl in the way described in par. 26c; take out the paper

and allow the liquid to stand, occasionally stirring it well. The case the milky liquid may be at once examined by 2 (below), or a by 1 (below), the filtrate being examined by 2 :—

**1. Residue (black) may contain NiS, CoS.**

*Examination by the borax bead.*

Fuse a small quantity in a clear borax bead in the extreme tip of the outer blowpipe flame, note its colour; then fuse the bead for some time in the inner blowpipe flame, and again observe its colour. Any one of the following observations may be made :—

*Blue bead in both flames shows :—*

*Presence of Co.*  
Co need not be further tested for, but if any doubt exists as to the presence of Ni the rest of the residue must be examined as below.

*Brown or yellow bead, when cold after fusing in the outer flame, which becomes grey or opaque in the inner flame, shows Presence of Ni. Absence of Co.*  
Unless mere traces of Co have to be tested for, no further examination need be made.

*A bead which is neither brown nor blue, but of some intermediate hue on cooling from the outer flame, indicates the probable presence of both Co and Ni.*

*Examine the remainder of the black residue as directed below for Ni and Co, or for Co alone if Ni has been already detected by (1).*

*Further examination of the residue.*—Rinse the residue from the filter into a porcelain dish, using as little water as possible: pour in a little strong HCl and boil for some time, adding occasionally a small crystal of KClO<sub>3</sub>, until the black residue is entirely dissolved or only a small quantity of dark sulphur remains; then boil down nearly to dryness (a blue liquid shows presence of Co), dilute with a little water, filter (if necessary) into a boiling-tube and pour in KCy solution slowly until the precipitate formed at first is just redissolved, boil briskly for several minutes, and add much strong Na<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O (or make decidedly alkaline with NaOH and add Br water); heat nearly to boiling, and allow the liquid to stand at least ten minutes. Filter. (Note 1, page 248):—

**3. Precipitate (black) :** wash and confirm the presence of Ni by fusing some of the precipitate (or the paper stained with the precipitate) in a borax bead in the outer and inner blowpipe flames: a bead *yellow* when cold, becoming *black* in the inner flame shows :—

*Presence of Ni.*

**4. Filtrate** must be warmed with more Na<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>O (or Br-water), and filtered from any additional precipitate which may form, then evaporated to dryness, and strong HNO<sub>3</sub> poured upon the residue as long as any frothing is caused; this is then evaporated just to dryness, the residue dissolved in water, excess of KHO added to it, and any precipitate filtered off and fused into a borax bead (taking the paper stained by the precipitate if the precipitate is not easily removed): a blue bead shows :—

*Presence of Co.*

#### 438. TABLE IV.—BARIUM GROUP.

The precipitate produced by Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> may contain BaCO<sub>3</sub>, SrCO<sub>3</sub>, CaCO<sub>3</sub>: it is to be well washed with boiling water. Before dissolving the precipitate off the filter much may usually be learnt by an examination of the flame coloration (see 1 below) yielded by the HCl solution. The results thus obtained are afterwards confirmed in the wet way (see 2 below).

precipitate will either dissolve leaving only white sulphur, in which case the residue will be left which must be filtered off and examined

*2. Solution or Filtrate* may contain Zn, Mn.

Boil it in a porcelain dish until it ceases to smell of  $H_2S$ , then drop in a small crystal of  $KClO_3$ , and boil for several minutes. After cooling the liquid add pure  $NaHO$  until after stirring the liquid it turns red litmus paper blue, stir well and filter:-

- 5. Precipitate is white at first, but rapidly darkens in the air. Fuse a portion of it with solid  $Na_2CO_3$ , and  $KNO_3$ , on platinum; a bluish-green mass is obtained on cooling, showing:-*

*Presence of Mn.*

*Note.*—Mn may have been originally present either replacing H in an acid, or combined with O as an acid-radicle. Its presence in an acid-radicle is indicated by the colour of the original solution, since in the form of manganate it is green, and as permanganate it is purple; these colours disappear on boiling the HCl solution for some time, or on passing  $H_2S$ .

- 6. Filtrate;* pass  $H_2S$ , a white precipitate forms, often somewhat discoloured, showing:-

*Presence of Zn.*

*Note.*—From a dilute solution of  $ZnHO_2$  in  $NaHO$  the  $ZnHO_2$  is precipitated on boiling; hence after adding  $NaHO$ , as directed above, the liquid must not be boiled, else Zn might be precipitated with the  $MnHO_2$  and escape detection.

But by diluting and boiling the above filtrate it is usually possible to cause any  $ZnHO_2$  it holds in solution to precipitate (especially if the alkalinity of the liquid be somewhat reduced by cautious addition of HCl in quantity insufficient to make the liquid acid). If this precipitate be separated by pouring the liquid through a double filter and then be dissolved off the filter and the sides of the boiling-tube by a little boiling H $\ddot{A}$ ,  $ZnS$  may be precipitated *perfectly white* from this solution, by  $H_2S$  showing:-

*Presence of Zn.*

*Note 1.*—If this precipitate adheres to the sides of the boiling-tube, it is dissolved off (after the liquid has been emptied out) by pouring in a little boiling HCl; from this solution the Ni is precipitated by addition of KHO, and the precipitate filtered and tested by the borax bead for Ni.

- 1. Examination by Flame Coloration.*—Take a small quantity of the precipitate out of the filter upon the end of a glass rod, and dissolve it by moving the end of the rod about in several drops of HCl on a watch-glass; dip into this solution a loop of platinum-wire which imparts no colour to the flame, then hold the loop for some time in the Bunsen flame, repeating the process if the coloration is not satisfactorily observed at first. Ca will impart to the flame

a *yellowish-red* colour, Sr a *crimson-red*, Ba a *yellowish-green*. The using the flame through the indigo-prism; the Ca coloration then Ba is usually found by its coloration remaining after the others their colorations are apt to interfere with one another; but if at tainly present; if a green coloration is visible without using the

2. *Examination in the Wet way*.—The rest of the precipitate is again boiling the liquid, and pouring it once more through the the solution is acid, and if it is not add H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> whilst stirring until solution into a test-tube, and put by the larger portion (B). To part of the tube in cold water or holding it in a stream from the pitate forms refer to Column I. (below); if no immediate precipi forms refer to Column II., if no precipitate forms even after

I. *An immediate precipitate is produced by CaSO<sub>4</sub> in the cold, showing Presence of Ba.*

Portion (B) must then be tested for Sr and Ca which may also be pre sent: examine it as directed below :— Add K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> solution until the colour of the liquid is reddish-yellow; heat and filter through a double filter-paper, pouring the filtrate through the same filter repeatedly if necessary until the liquid is quite clear; then add to the liquid, which must be orange-red in colour, AmHO<sub>4</sub> until the colour changes to pale yellow, then add Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solution :—

*No precipitate forms, showing :—*

*Absence of Sr and Ca.*

*A precipitate forms, showing Sr, Ca, or both of them, to be present. Add to the liquid Am<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in excess, filter, reject the filtrate and dissolve the precipitate off the filter in as little boiling H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as possible; pour off a small part (A') of this solution, reserving the larger portion (B'). To (A') add CaSO<sub>4</sub> solution and boil :—*

*No precipitate forms :—  
Absence of Sr.*

*Examine portion (B') for  
Ca as directed at (C)  
in Column III.*

*A precipitate forms :—  
Presence of Sr.  
Examine portion (B') for  
Ca as directed at (C)  
Column II.*

439. TABLE V.—

The filtrate, after addition to the original solution of all the group however, NH<sub>4</sub>-salts have been added as group-reagents, it is useless portion of the original substance with KHO solution, and ascertaining smell or its action on moistened red litmus-paper. It is, however, been already tested for in the preliminary examination (390). Proceed

red colorations yielded by Ca and Sr are distinguished by view—appears *dingy-green*, whilst the Sr coloration still appears *crimson*; have disappeared. When all three metals are present together any time a red colour is visible through the indigo-prism, Sr is certain; the presence of Ba is proved.

dissolved off the filter by pouring upon it a little boiling H<sub>2</sub>A, filter if the precipitate is not entirely dissolved. Test whether the liquid is acid, then pour off a small portion (*A*) of the acid the portion (*A*), after it has been cooled by immersing the lower tap, add several drops of CaSO<sub>4</sub> solution ; if an immediate precipitate forms heat the liquid to boiling, and if a precipitate then several minutes refer to Column III.

**II.** *A precipitate is not formed at once on the addition of CaSO<sub>4</sub>, but appears on boiling the liquid, showing :—*

*Absence of Ba and Presence of Sr.*

**C.** Portion (*B*) is then examined for Ca as directed below :—

Add dilute H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in excess, boil and filter, reject the precipitate ; add to the filtrate several drops more H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and boil ; if this causes any precipitate boil and filter, and again test the filtrate by addition of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and boiling : repeat this process if necessary. To the clear filtrate, which gives no further precipitate on addition of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and boiling, add gradually AmHO until after mixing the liquid by thorough stirring or shaking it turns red litmus-paper blue, then add AmC<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> solution and warm gently ; a white precipitate, often appearing only after a time, shows :—

*Presence of Ca.  
(See Note, Column III.)*

**III.** *No precipitate is produced by CaSO<sub>4</sub>, even on boiling, showing :—*

*Absence of Ba and Sr and Presence of Ca.*

**C.** Confirm the presence of Ca by adding to portion (*B*) excess of AmHO (35a), then Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> solution ; a white precipitate forms, showing :—

*Presence of Ca.  
(See note below.)*

*Note.*—If mere traces of Ca have to be tested for, the filter-paper used in the analysis must first be freed from any traces of Ca it may contain by wetting it with dilute HCl, and then thoroughly washing it with distilled water, as described in the note to par. 23a(p. 45.)

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reagents in succession, may still contain Mg, K, Na, and NH<sub>4</sub>. Since, to test for NH<sub>4</sub> in this filtrate : NH<sub>4</sub> must be detected by boiling a whether any NH<sub>3</sub> gas is evolved, which would be recognised by its usually unnecessary to test specially here for NH<sub>4</sub>, since it will have to examine for Group V. as directed below.

Evaporate the filtrate from Group IV. to dryness in a porcelain dish, scrape out the solid residue and heat it to redness upon a piece of platinum-foil in the Bunsen flame as long as any white fumes are seen to be given off on removing the foil for an instant from the flame (note 1). All Am-compounds are thus entirely removed. If any residue remains (note 2) it is to be dissolved by boiling the foil in a test-tube with a small quantity of water to which several drops of dilute HCl have been added. Divide this solution into two equal parts :—

EXAMINATION FOR Mg.	EXAMINATION FOR K AND Na.		
<p>Before testing for Mg in one portion of this solution it is necessary to remove from it any traces of Ba, Sr, or Ca which it may possibly contain, and which might also be mistaken for Mg.</p> <p>Add, therefore, several drops of <math>H_2SO_4</math> to the liquid, boil for a short time and let stand; then, whether a precipitate has formed or not, add a little AmCl and AmHO in excess, then several drops of <math>Am_4C_2O_4</math>, and warm gently; if any precipitate has formed proceed to filter at once as quickly as possible and test the filtrate once more by adding <math>H_2SO_4</math>, then AmCl, AmHO in excess, and <math>Am_4C_2O_4</math>, and warming as directed above; and if any further precipitate forms, filter and again test the filtrate. To the liquid in which the addition of <math>H_2SO_4</math>, AmCl, AmHO in excess, and <math>Am_4C_2O_4</math> causes no precipitate, add <math>Na_2HPO_4</math>, and if no precipitate forms at once warm gently, shake or stir the liquid violently and let it stand for some time: a white, crystalline precipitate shows :—</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presence of Mg.</i></p>	<p>In the other portion proceed to test for K and Na as directed below. The presence of Mg in no way interferes with the detection of K and Na, and hence if it has been detected its removal is unnecessary.</p> <p><i>Flame coloration.</i>—Dip into the solution a loop of platinum-wire which has been proved when held in a Bunsen flame not to impart any colour to it. Hold the loop in the Bunsen flame; one of the following results will be observed :—</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>A bright-yellow flame coloration, indicating the presence of Na (note 3).</p> <p>Examine this coloration through the indigo-prism: it appears red, indicating presence of K: if no red colour is visible K is probably absent or present only in very minute quantity.</p> </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>A pale violet coloration, appearing red or purple through the indigo-prism, shows :—</p> <p>Presence of K, absence of Na.</p> </td></tr> </table> <p>It is usual to confirm the results of the examination of the flame coloration by pouring the remainder of the solution upon a watch-glass, adding to it several drops of <math>PtCl_4</math> (note 4) and stirring well for some time; the formation of a yellow precipitate shows :—</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Presence of K (note 5).</i></p>	<p>A bright-yellow flame coloration, indicating the presence of Na (note 3).</p> <p>Examine this coloration through the indigo-prism: it appears red, indicating presence of K: if no red colour is visible K is probably absent or present only in very minute quantity.</p>	<p>A pale violet coloration, appearing red or purple through the indigo-prism, shows :—</p> <p>Presence of K, absence of Na.</p>
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*Note.*—If the residue is small in amount it may be ignited in the dish; but this is not to be generally recommended, as the porcelain dish is liable to be cracked by the heat, and it is also difficult to get entirely rid of the  $NH_4^+$ -salts by heating only in porcelain.

*Note 2.*—It is not safe to place much reliance upon an examination of the foil for the detection of a small quantity of residue, but it may

usually be detected by its producing a crackling noise whilst the foil is cooling immediately after its removal from the flame. Should there be any doubt, the foil must be boiled with water and a few drops of HCl, and the solution examined for Mg, K, and Na, as directed above.

*Note 3.*—A yellow coloration, more or less intense, will almost always be obtained here, since nearly all substances and reagents contain small quantities of Na; hence the student must note the intensity of the coloration, and judge from it whether the quantity of Na is small or large; he must then enter accordingly, either "*Presence of Na*," or "*Presence of trace of Na*."

*Note 4.*—If iodine is present, PtCl<sub>4</sub> will produce an intense red coloration; hence if iodine is suspected to be present, before adding PtCl<sub>4</sub> the above solution should be evaporated to dryness with a little strong HNO<sub>3</sub>, the residue dissolved in a few drops of dilute HCl and tested with PtCl<sub>4</sub> for K. This is of course unnecessary if, before precipitating Group III. in the General Table, the solution has been evaporated to dryness with HNO<sub>3</sub>. In case of uncertainty, add PtCl<sub>4</sub> to a drop only of the above solution; and if iodine is found to be present proceed as directed above.

*Note 5.*—Mere traces of K and Na may be detected by adding PtCl<sub>4</sub> and evaporating the liquid to dryness in a porcelain dish upon a water-bath (504); then pouring absolute alcohol into the dish and stirring; any yellow residue shows *presence of K*, the solution giving the pure Na coloration if Na is present. By filtering off the yellow residue and washing it with absolute alcohol, it will yield the pure K flame coloration.

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#### EXAMINATION FOR ACID-RADICLES.

**440.** Several acid-radicles will probably have been already detected for certain, if present, by the preliminary examinations. Such are CO<sub>3</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub>, S, NO<sub>2</sub>, ClO, NO<sub>3</sub>, ClO<sub>3</sub>, A: their reactions are so characteristic, that, unless interfered with by the presence of other substances, their presence or absence will have been proved to a certainty: in case any uncertainty is felt, the analyst should refer to the reactions given in Section IV. for the particular acid-radicle in question and select a reaction which will be decisive.

The examination for metals also frequently yields proof of the presence of certain acid-radicles. Thus on passing H<sub>2</sub>S into the HCl solution:—

A reddish-yellow solution, becoming green and depositing white sulphur shows:—*Presence of CrO<sub>4</sub>*  
 A green solution, becoming colourless „ *Presence of (MnO<sub>4</sub>)"*  
 A purple solution „ „ „ „ *Presence of (MnO<sub>4</sub>)'*  
 A yellow precipitate of As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, appearing only when the liquid is boiled, shows:—*Presence of AsO<sub>4</sub>*.  
 An insoluble residue of SiO<sub>2</sub>, after evaporating to dryness the filtrate from the H<sub>2</sub>S-group, shows:— *Presence of SiO<sub>2</sub>*  
 And a yellow precipitate obtained with AmHMnO<sub>4</sub> before precipitating Group III., shows:— *Presence of PO<sub>4</sub>*  
 The presence of any of these acid-radicles thus detected will require no further confirmation.

**441.** Of the acid-radicles which remain to be tested for, some can be detected by the plan drawn out below (442–445); others are best detected by special tests made on the original substance (446–454).

Much time and trouble may usually be saved by considering what acid-radicles can possibly be present. A careful preliminary examination will usually have limited this number considerably, and it may be further reduced by the knowledge already obtained as to the solubility of the sub-

443.	<i>1. Portion acidified with HCl.</i>	<i>Present.</i>
	On addition of CaCl <sub>2</sub> solution a white precipitate insoluble on boiling (444, 1) . . . . . }	(SO <sub>4</sub> )".
	On addition of BaCl <sub>2</sub> solution, a semi-transparent precipitate insoluble on boiling (444, 2) . . . . . }	(SfO <sub>4</sub> )".
	On addition of AmCl and Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , a semi-transparent precipitate . . . . . }	(SiO <sub>3</sub> )".
	On addition of FeSO <sub>4</sub> solution, a dark-blue precipitate . . . . . }	(Fe <sub>2</sub> Cy <sub>12</sub> )".
	!On addition of Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> solution, a dark blue precipitate: FeSO <sub>4</sub> yielding a light-blue precipitate . . . . . }	(FeCy <sub>6</sub> )".
	On addition of Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> solution, a red coloration destroyed by HgCl <sub>2</sub> . . . . . }	(Cys)".

\* F will be readily detected in this precipitate, or better

stance under analysis, and the metals it contains. A reference to the Table of Solubilities (455), and the explanatory paragraphs 456, 457, and 458 will show how this knowledge is applied.

#### GENERAL EXAMINATION FOR CERTAIN ACID-RADICLES.

**442.** Before employing the liquid tests it is advisable to separate from the substance any metals other than K, Na and Am which it may contain, since some of these are liable to be precipitated by the reagents added for the detection of the acid-radicles. If alkali-metals alone [are present this separation is unnecessary, since they are not precipitated by any of the reagents.

This separation of the metals may usually be effected by boiling a portion of the substance with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution, which must be added as long as it causes any precipitate. Filter from the precipitate, and divide the clear filtrate into five equal portions. Reserve one of these portions in case of accident and a second for the tests for organic acid-radicles, and acidify the others whilst they are hot by addition of HCl,  $\text{HNO}_3$  and  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  respectively: examine these portions as directed below, using a separate part for each test:—

II. Portion acidified with $\text{HNO}_3$ . Refer to (444, 3).	Present.	III. Portion acidified with $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ .	Present.
On addition of $\text{AgNO}_3$ , a pure white precipitate, easily soluble in $\text{AmHO}$ (444, 1).	Cl'	On addition of $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$ ) solution a yellow precipitate . . . } $(\text{CrO}_4)''$	
On addition of $\text{AgNO}_3$ , a light-yellow precipitate, with difficulty soluble in $\text{AmHO}$ . . . }	Br'	On addition of $\text{CaCl}_2$ solution a white gelatinous precipitate . . . } F''* (probably).	
On addition of $\text{AgNO}_3$ , a yellow precipitate, almost insoluble in $\text{AmHO}$ . . . }	I'	On addition of $\text{CaCl}_2$ a white pulverulent precipitate . . . } $(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)'''$ (probably).	
Refer to (446).		On addition of $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_4$ a yellowish-white precipitate (449). } $(\text{PO}_4)'''$ , or $(\text{AsO}_4)'''$ .	

the original substance by (452);  $(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)''$  by (453).

## NOTES ON THE PRECEDING TABLE.

**444.** 1. Unless the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution used in preparing the solution for these tests was pure,  $(\text{SO}_4)'$  and  $(\text{Cl})'$ , if detected, may have been present only as impurities in the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; portions of the original substance should then be tested by (446) and (447).

2. The presence of  $(\text{SiF}_6)'$  should be confirmed by other tests, such as adding KCl (300) and evolving HF by strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (301); the HF is most readily evolved from the  $\text{BaSiF}_6$  precipitate (301a).

3. Should  $\text{AgNO}_3$  yield a black precipitate, this proves the presence of a sulphide, or possibly a theiosulphate; add  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and boil; the black  $\text{Ag}_2\text{S}$  will thus be decomposed, leaving a milky liquid, in which any other precipitate is readily seen after being coagulated by heating or shaking.

**445.** It must be remembered that  $(\text{Cy})'$ ,  $(\text{FeCy}_6)^{\text{IV}}$ ,  $(\text{Fe}_2\text{Cy}_{12})^{\text{VI}}$ , and  $(\text{CyS})$  are also precipitated by  $\text{AgNO}_3$ , and therefore if these acid-radicles have been already found, a precipitate produced by  $\text{AgNO}_3$  does not prove the presence of  $(\text{Cl})'$ ,  $(\text{Br})'$ , or  $(\text{I})'$ , which acid-radicles must be especially examined for, as directed below.

If chloride, bromide, and iodide have all to be tested for, a portion of the  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution must be examined by (273); or the precipitate obtained by  $\text{AgNO}_3$  (see 443, II.) may be tested by (273a) for Cl, Br, I.

If only bromide and iodide have to be tested for, use par. 274.

## SPECIAL TESTS FOR ACID-RADICLES TO BE MADE ON THE ORIGINAL SUBSTANCE.

**446. Sulphate.**—A portion of the original substance is boiled with HCl, the liquid decanted (or filtered if not clear), and  $\text{BaCl}_2$  added to it: a white precipitate shows *presence of  $\text{SO}_4$* .

**447. Chloride.**—A portion of the original substance is warmed with  $\text{HNO}_3$ , the solution decanted (or filtered if necessary), and  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution added to it, a *perfectly white* precipitate, easily dissolved by warm AmHO, shows *presence of chloride*.

**448. Cyanide** if present will have been detected by its special test and by the smell of bitter almonds, which is given off by the substance, after adding  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (411). Add to some of the substance  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  in excess and boil; filter from any dark-coloured precipitate, boil the filtrate for a short time, acidify with HCl and add  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$ ; a red coloration, not destroyed by

heat but removed by addition of  $HgCl_2$ , shows presence of  $Cy$  [possibly as  $(FeCy_6)^{v_i}$ ,  $(Fe_2Cy_{12})^{v_i}$ , or  $(CyS)$ , if these acid-radicles have been found (443, 1)].

**449. Arsenate.**—This acid-radicle cannot be present unless As was detected during the examination for metals; the presence of  $(AsO_4)^{v_i}$  is there rendered probable by the precipitation of yellow  $As_2S_3$  occurring only when the liquid saturated with  $H_2S$  is boiled. If As has been found amongst the metals, proceed to test for  $(AsO_4)^{v_i}$  by adding to a portion of the  $Na_2CO_3$  solution (442) HCl until it is acid, then  $AmCl$ ,  $AmHO$  in excess and  $MgSO_4$ ; filter off any precipitate which forms on warming and shaking the liquid, and pour a few drops of  $AgNO_3$  solution upon the white precipitate on the filter, a change of colour to brown shows presence of  $(AsO_4)^{v_i}$ .

**450. Phosphate.**—Boil some of the original substance with dilute  $HNO_3$ , add a little of this clear solution (filtered if necessary) to some  $AmHMnO_4$  solution, shake and stir the liquid well, and if no precipitate forms warm very gently, a yellow precipitate shows presence of  $(PO_4)^{v_i}$ .

*Note.*—If  $(AsO_4)^{v_i}$  has been detected (449) this test for  $(PO_4)^{v_i}$  is only reliable when the yellow precipitate has been obtained either in the cold or by employing very gentle heat. If any doubt is felt concerning the presence of  $(PO_4)^{v_i}$ , boil some of the substance with strong HCl, and examine for  $(PO_4)^{v_i}$  after having entirely separated the  $(AsO_4)^{v_i}$  by passing  $H_2S$  into the boiling HCl solution. A doubtful precipitate with  $AmHMnO_4$  may be proved to contain phosphate by dissolving it in  $AmHO$ , adding  $AmCl$  and  $MgSO_4$ , filtering and dropping  $AgNO_3$  upon the precipitate, if phosphate it turns yellow, if arsenate brown.

**451. Borate.**—Warm a portion of the substance with a little dilute HCl, dip into the solution a strip of turmeric-paper and dry it in a steam-oven (or at a gentle heat), if the slip is reddish-brown and becomes blue-black when moistened with  $AmHO$ , the presence of  $(BO_3)^{v_i}$  is shown.

**452. Fluoride.**—Pour upon a portion of the powdered substance strong  $H_2SO_4$ ; and warm the mixture in a leaden or platinum crucible covered with a watch-glass, which has been coated with wax or paraffin, and has then had characters traced through the film with the point of a penknife:

the characters are etched upon the glass showing *the presence of F.*

If  $\text{SiO}_2$  is known to be present, the test must be made by conducting the gas, evolved on heating the substance with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , into dilute  $\text{AmHO}$ , when a deposit of gelatinous  $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$  proves the presence of *F*.

**453. Oxalate.** The precipitate produced by  $\text{CaCl}_2$  in III (443), or the original substance if it contains no carbonate, is mixed on a watch-glass with  $\text{MnO}_2$  free from carbonate and strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and gently warmed:  $\text{CO}_2$  is evolved and detected by holding over the bubbles which rise from the mixture a rod moistened with lime-water, or by inverting another watch-glass containing on its under surface a drop of lime-water over the glass containing the mixture.

**453 a. Tartrate.**—The presence of *T* will probably have been indicated in the Preliminary Examination (388 or 412). In order to confirm its presence, any metals of Groups I, II, and III must be separated by  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  or  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  (see last two para. of 358 b.), and  $\text{CaT}$  is then precipitated from the liquid, made just alkaline with  $\text{AmHO}$  and mixed with a little  $\text{AmCl}$ , by

#### 455. TABLE SHOWING SOLUBILITY<sup>(a)</sup>

A blank signifies that the solubility

		K.	Na.	Am.	Mg.	Ba.	Sr.	Ca.	$\text{Fe}''$ .	$\text{Fe}'''$ .	Al.	Cr.	Zn.	Mn.
1.	Oxide . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	w.	w.	w-a.	a.	a.	a.i.	a.i.	a.	a.
2.	Sulphide . .	w.	w.	w.	w-a.	w.	w.	w-a.	am.	a.	—	—	a.	a.
3.	Chloride . .	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	a.i.	w.	w.
4.	Iodide . .	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.
5.	Sulphate . .	w.	w.	w.	w.	l.	l.	w-am-l.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.
6.	Nitrate . .	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.
7.	Phosphate . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.
8.	Carbonate . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	—	—	—	a.	a.
9.	Borate . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.
10.	Arsenate . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.
11.	Arsenite . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.
12.	Chromate . .	w.	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	—	w.	a.	a.	w.	w.
13.	Fluoride . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	l.	—	—	—	a.	—	—	—
14.	Oxalate . .	w.	w.	w.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	w-a.	w-a.

Only the most commonly occurring compounds are contained in this table, the solubility of other substances may be obtained by reference to a treatise on chemistry, or to Storer's "Dictionary of Solubilities."

adding excess of  $\text{CaCl}_2$ , shaking well and letting stand for some time. A precipitate may consist of  $\text{Ca}\bar{\text{T}}$ ,  $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$ , or  $\text{Ca}\bar{\text{O}}$ . By shaking this precipitate with cold KHO solution,  $\text{Ca}\bar{\text{T}}$  is dissolved and may be reprecipitated from the solution (or filtrate) by diluting and boiling for some time: the precipitate is then gently warmed, after decanting the liquid, with a little *very dilute* AmHO and a crystal of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ ; a metallic mirror shows the presence of  $\bar{\text{T}}$ .

**454. Sulphide.**—Very small quantities of S may be detected by boiling the substance with KHO for some time, and adding to the clear solution alkaline  $\text{Pb}\bar{\text{A}}_2$ -solution, when a black precipitate or coloration will appear.

The above directions must only be considered as affording examples of how the principle acid-radicles are detected. By reference to the individual reactions in Section IV. and to the directions there given for the detection of similar acid-radicles when occurring together, this method will serve for the detection of all the commonly occurring acid-radicles.

## UBSTANCES IN WATER AND ACIDS.

unknown or unimportant.

<i>Y.O.</i>	<i>Hg''.</i>	<i>Pb.</i>	<i>Bt.</i>	<i>Cu.</i>	<i>Cd.</i>	<i>Sb.</i>	<i>Sn''.</i>	<i>Sn'''.</i>	<i>As'''.</i>	<i>Ag.</i>	<i>Hg'.</i>		
a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.m.	a.	a.i.	w-a.m.	a.n.	a.n.	O.	1.
mn.	amn.	an.	an.	an.	a.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	an.	an.	an.	S.	2.
w.	w.	w.i.	w.b.	w.	w.	w.b.	w.b.	w.	w.	i.	a.i.	Cl.	3.
—	a.	w.a.m.	—	—	w.	—	w.	w.	—	i.	an.	I.	4.
w.	w.b.	a.i.	w.b.	w.	w.	a.	w.	w.b.	—	w.a.n.	w.b.a.n.	SO <sub>4</sub> .	5.
w.	w.b.	w.	w.b.	w.	w.	w.	w.	w.	—	w.	w.b.	NO <sub>3</sub> .	6.
a.	a.	an.	—	a.	a.	—	a.	—	—	an.	an.	PO <sub>4</sub> .	7.
a.	a.	an.	a.	a.	a.	—	a.	—	—	an.	an.	CO <sub>3</sub> .	8.
a.	—	an.	a.	a.	a.	—	a.	—	—	—	w.	BO <sub>3</sub> .	9.
a.	a.	an.	a.	a.	a.	—	a.	—	—	an.	an.	AsO <sub>3</sub> .	10.
a.	a.	an.	—	a.	a.	—	a.	—	—	an.	an.	AsO <sub>4</sub> .	11.
—	w-a.	an.i.	a.	w.	—	a.	—	—	—	an.	an.	CrO <sub>4</sub> .	12.
—	w.	a.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	w.	—	F.	13.
a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	a.	w.	—	—	a.	a.	C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .	14.

**456.** The table is thus arranged; in a horizontal line at the head are placed the more commonly occurring metals, which yield salts or basic oxides: in the vertical column on the left is a list of that portion of the names of the compounds thus formed, which corresponds

to the acid-radicle : the same are also placed in chemical symbols in a vertical column on the right. The solubility of a compound is denoted by letters:—

- w. Signifies soluble in water.
- a. Soluble in acids; the term standing for HCl, HNO<sub>3</sub>, and Aqua Regia.
- a<sup>m</sup>. Soluble in muriatic (hydrochloric) acid.
- a<sup>n</sup>. Soluble in nitric acid.
- a<sup>mn</sup>. Soluble in a mixture of muriatic and nitric, but not in either separately.
- i. Insoluble in water and acids.
- w.a. Letters thus placed together with a stop between, signify that in different states the substance shows these different solubilities.
- w-a. Letters connected by a hyphen indicate that the substance is only slightly soluble in the first solvent, and may therefore partially fall under the class denoted by the second letter.
- w.b. Decomposed more or less by much water with formation of a basic salt which is not soluble in water but soluble in acid.

**457.** To find the solubility of any compound of one of the metals placed at the top of the Table, glance down the vertical column which is headed by this element, the letter indicating the solubility of the compound will be found in a horizontal line with the acid-radicle portion of the name. Thus to find the solubility of zinc sulphate, it is only necessary to glance down the vertical column with Zn at its head: on a horizontal line with "sulphate" (SO<sub>4</sub>) stands the letter *w*, showing that zinc sulphate is soluble in water.

**458.** The way in which this Table is used after ascertaining the solubility of a substance under analysis, and detecting the metals present in it, may be explained by an example. In a substance *which was entirely soluble in water*, the metals found were K, Ba, Ag. We glance down the columns headed by these three metals, and can thus see at once which acid-radicles may be present: all acid-radicles might be present combined with K since all its salts are soluble in water, but the presence of Ba in a substance soluble in water shows that SO<sub>4</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>3</sub>, BO<sub>3</sub>, AsO<sub>3</sub>, AsO<sub>4</sub>, CrO<sub>4</sub>, and F cannot be present, since these acid-radicles form compounds with Ba which are insoluble in water: Ag excludes in addition S, Cl, Br and I; hence amongst the more commonly occurring acid-radicles only NO<sub>3</sub> need be tested for.

This example shows how much we may often simplify the examination for acid-radicles, when the metals present in a substance and also its solubility are known, by referring to the above Table.

### REMARKS ON THE PRECIPITATION OF GROUP III.

**459.** In the General Table (419) it is assumed that in the absence of  $(\text{PO}_4)^{3-}$  the two Sub-groups III. A. and III. B. can be separated from one another by adding first AmCl and then excess of AmHO to the solution; Group III. A. alone being thus precipitated, and Group III. B. being afterwards precipitated by adding Am<sub>2</sub>S to the filtrate. Now although AmCl entirely prevents the precipitation of Group III. B. by AmHO, if the solution is kept covered from the air; still if the members of Group III. A. are present at the same time in the solution they are precipitated by AmHO, and the presence of AmCl will not prevent Mn and Zn from being precipitated with them in smaller or larger quantity, Mn particularly showing a tendency to be precipitated with Fe, and Zn with Cr. Hence if either Mn or Zn, especially the former, be present in small quantity only, it may be entirely precipitated in Group III. A.: this is not a serious matter in the case of Mn, since it is readily detected in the ordinary examination of the precipitate by Table III. A. by yielding a green mass on fusion with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and KNO<sub>3</sub>; but Zn may thus be entirely passed over, since if precipitated with Cr<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub> its presence would certainly not be detected in Table III. A. The method of dissolving the precipitate several times in HCl and reprecipitating with AmHO, to some extent meets this difficulty; but it is preferable whenever a precipitate is produced on adding AmCl and AmHO, and traces of Mn and more particularly of Zn have to be tested for, to precipitate Groups III. A. and III. B. together, by adding in succession AmCl, AmHO, and Am<sub>2</sub>S, and boiling. The precipitate is then examined by Table III. C. (464, 465) for Groups III. A. and III. B., the filtrate being examined, as directed in the General Table, for Groups IV. and V. It must, however, be understood that if no precipitate is produced by AmCl and AmHO, Am<sub>2</sub>S may be added, and the precipitate (if any) examined by Table III. B., since in the absence of Group III. A.

the members of Group III. b. are not precipitated by AmHO in the presence of AmCl.

**460.** *The presence of  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  in the HCl solution* which is to be examined for Groups III., IV., and V. involves no special procedure if AmHO added after AmCl produces no precipitate, since the phosphates of Groups III. and IV. and of Mg must be absent. If however on adding AmCl and AmHO a precipitate is formed, the directions given at the head of Table III. d. (466) must be followed, and the precipitate must be examined by that Table. The reason for this departure from the ordinary course of analysis is that, whereas Al, Cr, Ba, Sr, Ca and Mg, if present as phosphates, are completely precipitated by AmHO, the phosphates of Ni, Co, Mn, Zn and Fe, are only partially precipitated by AmHO; they are however entirely precipitated by  $Am_2S$ . The filtrate from  $Am_2S$  is then examined as directed in the General Table for Groups IV. and V.

The principles on which the method drawn out in Table III. d. is founded are:—

1. The insolubility of the phosphates of Al, Fe and Cr in  $H\bar{A}$  in the presence of alkaline acetates, the other portions of the precipitate being soluble.

2. The separation of all the  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  which is in the  $H\bar{A}$  solution combined with Ba, Sr, Ca or Mg, by  $Fe_2Cl_6$  in an  $H\bar{A}$  solution.

The further separation of Al, Fe and Cr phosphates is somewhat complicated by the fact that  $AlPO_4$  is only decomposed by fusion mixture when  $SiO_2$  is also present, and this  $SiO_2$  has to be removed after the fusion by methods which will be intelligible on reference to (290) and (291).

**461.** The reason why, in obtaining the precipitate for Table III. d., the precipitates produced by AmHO and  $Am_2S$  are filtered and washed separately, is that phosphates of Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni and Co are converted by  $Am_2S$  into sulphides, forming at the same time ammonium phosphate which remains in solution, and this would precipitate Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg as phosphates from the solution even if they were not originally present in that condition. Now this besides compli-

cating the process of analysis, would also render it impossible to state whether Ba, Sr, Ca and Mg were originally present as phosphates or not. Hence the phosphates are first precipitated by AmCl and AmHO, then any members of Group III. B. are precipitated from the filtrate by Am<sub>2</sub>S. The two precipitates are mixed and treated with Am<sub>2</sub>S, which will dissolve away the (PO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>'''</sup> from Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co phosphates if present, leaving the other phosphates undecomposed; hence, if on filtering and testing the filtrate with AmCl, AmHO and MgSO<sub>4</sub> a white crystalline precipitate is obtained, this indicates the presence of (PO<sub>4</sub>)<sup>'''</sup> and indirectly establishes the presence in the original precipitate of phosphate of some one or more of the metals Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co.

462. Oxalates, borates, fluorides and silicates of Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg would likewise be precipitated by AmHO in Group III. A.; but by the evaporation of the HCl solution after passing H<sub>2</sub>S, H<sub>3</sub>BO<sub>3</sub> and HF are usually volatilised, and H<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> becomes insoluble; oxalates are also decomposed by a gentle ignition after evaporation.

\* \* \* The best course to be pursued in precipitating and examining Group III. will be found in par. 463.

### 463. RULES FOR THE PRECIPITATION AND EXAMINATION OF GROUPS III. A. AND III. B.

*Note.*—Refer to pars. 459–462 for explanation of these Rules.

Hence the following rules may be laid down for precipitating and detecting members of Group III. A. and III. B. in the HCl solution, a small portion of which has been tested for  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  by AmHM<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:—

I. *If the addition of AmHO after AmCl causes no precipitate, Am<sub>2</sub>S is at once added, the liquid boiled, and the precipitate, if any, examined for members of Group III. B. by Table III. B. (437): this course is pursued whether  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  is present or absent.*

II. *If the addition of AmHO after AmCl causes a precipitate and  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  is not present, the plan of precipitation depends upon the object of the analysis.*

If small quantities of Zn need not be examined for, the method given in the General Table (419) may be followed.

If traces of Zn have to be tested for in the solution, add AmCl, then AmHO and Am<sub>2</sub>S in excess, boil, filter and examine the precipitate by Table III. c.<sub>1</sub> (464) or III. c.<sub>2</sub> (465).

*Note.*—The method described in Table III. c.<sub>1</sub> gives reliable results, and is to be used for very careful analysis; the method in Table III. c.<sub>2</sub> is however much more simple, and is sufficiently accurate for general use.

III. *If the addition of AmHO after AmCl causes a precipitate and  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  is present, the method of precipitation to be adopted will be found in par. 466, together with the Table for the examination of the Group precipitate*

**484. TABLE III. C<sub>1</sub>.—FOR THE SEPARATION OF GROUPS III. A. AND III. B. BY BaCO<sub>3</sub>.**

The precipitate may contain Fe, Al, Cr, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co. Rinse it off the filter into a porcelain dish, using as little water as possible, add some strong HCl and boil, adding at intervals a small crystal of KClO<sub>3</sub> until all is dissolved but a small quantity of yellow sulphur. Evaporate very nearly to dryness, dilute with a little water, and pour (through a filter, if necessary) into a small flask. Cool, pour in a small quantity of BaCO<sub>3</sub> suspended in water, cork the flask tightly and shake well; repeat the addition of BaCO<sub>3</sub> and agitate until the precipitate is distinctly whitened by the excess of BaCO<sub>3</sub>: then shake well and allow the flask to stand by corked for at least fifteen minutes, occasionally shaking it vigorously. Let the precipitate subside, filter; wash the precipitate with a little cold water allowing the washings to run through into the filtrate, then wash thoroughly, rejecting the washing-water:—

<i>Precipitate</i> may contain Fe, Al, Cr, and BaCO <sub>3</sub> ; dissolve by pouring a little boiling HCl upon the filter, returning the boiling acid to the filter if necessary to dissolve any undissolved precipitate; remove Ba from the boiling solution by adding dilute H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> gradually, until after allowing the precipitate to settle, a few additional drops of acid cause no further precipitate (Note 1); filter, add pure NaHO in excess to the filtrate, boil and filter:—	<i>Filtrate</i> may contain Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, and BaCl <sub>2</sub> . Remove Ba by adding to the boiling liquid dilute H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> gradually, until the last few drops produce no further precipitate in the clear liquid from which the BaSO <sub>4</sub> has been allowed to settle; filter; add pure NaHO in excess to the <i>cold</i> filtrate, stir well and filter:—	<i>Precipitate</i> may contain Mn, Ni, Co: rinse off the filter into a porcelain dish with as little water as possible, add some strong HCl and boil, adding occasionally a small crystal of KClO <sub>3</sub> ; evaporate nearly to dryness, add a little water and dissolve some solid Na $\ddot{\text{A}}$ in the liquid, pass H <sub>2</sub> S to saturation, filter:—	<i>Filtrate</i> : pass H <sub>2</sub> S a white precipitate indicates: <i>Presence of Zn.</i>
<i>Precipitate</i> : examine for Fe and Cr by column 2, Table III. A (436). <i>Filtrate</i> : examine for Al and Cr by column 1, Table III. A (436).			
<i>Note 1.</i> —The separation of Ba may be neglected here, the precipitate being at once boiled with NaHO: in this case much white BaCO <sub>3</sub> will remain with the Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> after fusion to separate Cr; it will however dissolve with the Fe and cause no complication.	<i>Precipitate</i> : examine for Ni and Co according to Table III. B, column 1 (437).	<i>Filtrate</i> : add AmHO in excess; a flesh-coloured precipitate shows: <i>Presence of Mn.</i>	

TABLE III.C<sub>2</sub> FOR DETECTION

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485. TABLE III. C<sub>2</sub>—FOR EXAMINATION OF

Remove the precipitate produced by AmCl, AmHO and AmI in dilute HCl and gently stirring and shaking the liquid: take of Note 1):—

<i>Residue if black may contain NiS and CoS: examine it as directed in Table III. B., column 1 (487).</i>	<i>Filtrate may contain Al, Fe, Cr, Zn, Mn. Carefully note of this observation, examine the liquid by column I or II.</i>
	<p><i>I. The liquid is perfectly colourless: Absence of Cr.</i>  <i>Boil the liquid in the dish for a few minutes until no longer smells of H<sub>2</sub>S, then add a small crystal KClO<sub>3</sub> and boil down to a small bulk: allow to cool, add NaHO in excess, stir well and filter:—</i></p>
<p><i>Precipitate may contain Fe, Mn. Dry and fuse it on platinum-foil with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and KNO<sub>3</sub>; a blue green mass shows:—</i></p> <p><i>Presence of Mn.</i></p> <p><i>Boil the foil in a porcelain dish with water for some time, and if any undissolved residue is left, decant the liquid, boil the residue with HCl and add KCyS; a blood-red coloration shows:—</i></p> <p><i>Presence of Fe [see Note 2, after Table III. A. (486)].</i></p>	<p><i>Filtrate may contain Zn. Divide into two equal parts (Note 2).</i>  <i>Into one portion pass H<sub>2</sub>S: a white precipitate forms once:</i></p> <p><i>Presence of Zn.</i></p> <p><i>To the other portion add dilute HCl gradually while stirring; if no precipitate forms, add HCl in excess, then AmHO in excess and heat. A colourless flocculent precipitate:—</i></p> <p><i>Presence of Al.</i></p>

*Note 1.—A mere milkiness, due to the separation of sulphur, shows the absence of Cr.*

*Note 2.—Al and Zn may also be detected without dividing the filtrate by adding H<sub>2</sub>S. If a white flocculent precipitate shows Presence of Al: this is filtered off and H<sub>2</sub>S passed through the filtrate.*

## GROUPS III. A. AND III. B., WHEN MIXED.

- 1 the filter by opening the filter out inside a porcelain dish, pouring filter-paper, stir well, and if any *black* residue is left, filter (see

r, which is best seen by pouring it into a white porcelain dish, and according to the result

*II. The liquid has a violet or bright green colour: Presence of Cr.*

the liquid in the dish until  $H_2S$  is no longer smelt, drop in a small crystal of  $KClO_3$ , and boil down nearly to dryness; dilute with a little water, pour into a small flask and add  $BaCO_3$  (suspended in water) gradually whilst constantly shaking the liquid until the excess of  $BaCO_3$  has settled, cork the flask and allow it to stand for not less than fifteen minutes, occasionally shaking it well; filter, wash first with cold water letting the washings run into the filtrate, then with boiling water rejecting the washings:—

*Precipitate* may contain  
Al, Cr: examine  
by column I, Table  
I. C<sub>1</sub> (464).

*Filtrate* may contain Zn, Mn: boil and whilst boiling add dilute  
 $H_2SO_4$  gradually until the last few drops cause no further precipitate, filter from  $BaSO_4$ ; cool, add pure  $NaHO$  in excess,  
stir well and filter:—

*Precipitate:* dry and fuse  
with  $Na_2CO_3$  and  $KNO_3$  on  
platinum-foil; blue-green  
mass:—

*Presence of Mn.*

*Filtrate:* pass  $H_2S$ ; white  
precipitate:—

*Presence of Zn.*

Ni and Co, and does not render filtration necessary.

at HCl gradually until it becomes acid, then AmHO until alkaline, a colourless  
filtrate, a white precipitate shows *Presence of Zn.*

TABLE III. D. FOR EXAMINATION

**466.** If  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  is found in the HCl solution in the General forms on addition of AmCl and AmHO, these reagents are added, heated, filtered quickly, and washed well with hot water. To this and the filtrate examined for Groups IV. and V. (419) and (431). Place in dish and stir well with a little Am<sub>2</sub>S, filter off and wash well.

**Note.**—The filtrate should be examined for  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  by adding MgSO<sub>4</sub>; if this

The precipitate produced by AmCl, AmHO, and Am<sub>2</sub>S may contain Al, Cr as hydrates. Remove it from the filter and heat it with several small crystals of KClO<sub>3</sub>, and evaporate very nearly to dryness and NaA (No. 84) (526), as long as any precipitate is produced.

**Filtrate:** Add Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> (note 2) drop by drop as long as a precipitate forms (large excess must be carefully avoided), and until the liquid, after being well stirred or shaken, remains reddish. Warm gently for some time, filter whilst hot, and wash with hot water:—

<b>Filtrate:</b> add AmCl, AmHO (note 3), and Am <sub>2</sub> S; filter:—		<b>Precipitate containing Fe<sup>2+</sup>,</b> may be selected.
<b>Filtrate:</b> add Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> ; filter:—	<b>Precipitate:</b> examine by Table III. c. (464, 465) for Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, also for Al and Cr. Test a portion of the original solution (or solution of the substance in HCl) for Fe <sup>2+</sup> and Fe <sup>3+</sup> by note 2 (436).	
<b>Precipitate</b> may contain BaCO <sub>3</sub> , SrCO <sub>3</sub> , CaCO <sub>3</sub> . Examine this precipitate by itself by Table IV. (438). Ba, Sr or Ca, if found in this precipitate, were present in the solution as phosphates.	<b>Filtrate</b> may contain Mg; add Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub> , warm and shake well. White crystalline precipitate:  <b>Presence of Mg</b> (as Phosphate).	

**Note 1.**—Add several drops of this HCl solution to some AmHMnO<sub>4</sub> solution for a time,  $(PO_4)^{'''}$  is absent; this proves that only Ni, Co, Mn, Zn, and Fe are present in the solution (464, 465), or as directed in Note 3 below.

**Note 2.**—A few drops of Fe<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>6</sub> should be added to a small part only of the filtrate; the other portion AmCl, AmHO and Am<sub>2</sub>S may be added. The solution may be examined as directed in Note 3.

**Note 3.**—Since this filtrate has to be tested for Groups III. A. and III. B., it is necessary to analyse the precipitate by Table III. C., or by precipitating Groups III. A. and III. B. (436, 437).

**Note 4.**—Since CrPO<sub>4</sub> is rarely present, this precipitate may generally be tested for Cr by acidifying with HCl and adding AmHO in excess which gives a precipitate in HCl and adding KCyS.

## OF PHOSPHATES IN GROUP III.

Table (419) after precipitating Groups I. and II., and a precipitate the latter in slight excess, to the HCl solution; it is then gently filtrate  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  is added in excess and the solution boiled, then filtered, Transfer the two precipitates yielded by  $\text{AmHO}$  and  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  to a porce- Examine the precipitate by the following Table:—

present Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, one or more were present as phosphates.

Ba, Sr, Ca, Mg as phosphates; Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co as sulphides; dilute HCl in a porcelain dish. If this does not dissolve it, drop dryness. Filter off S if necessary (note 1); then add a solution of Heat gently, and filter while hot:—

<i>Precipitate</i> may consist of $\text{FePO}_4$ , $\text{AlPO}_4$ , $\text{CrPO}_4$ (note 4). Dry the precipitate on the filter, and fuse it for a short time with finely powdered $\text{SiO}_2$ and fusion-mixture, adding a little $\text{KNO}_3$ , in a platinum crucible or on platinum-foil. When cold, dissolve by boiling with a little distilled water, add $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ , allow to stand for a short time, stirring occasionally; let the precipitate subside, filter:—	<i>Precipitate</i> may contain $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$ , Fe and Al as silicates, and $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6$ . Acidify with HCl, evaporate to dryness, and heat the dry residue gently. Warm with a few drops of strong HCl, add hot water, and filter:—	<i>Precipitate</i> may contain $\text{H}_4\text{SiO}_4$ , Fe and Al as silicates, and $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6$ . Acidify with HCl, evaporate to dryness, and heat the dry residue gently. Warm with a few drops of strong HCl, add hot water, and filter:—
<i>Filtrate</i> : add HA until the solution is acid, boil for a short time, then add $\text{PbA}_2$ : yellow precipitate of $\text{PbCrO}_4$ . <i>Presence of Cr</i> , (as phosphate). <i>Note</i> . A white precipitate on addition of $\text{PbA}_2$ may be disregarded.	<i>Filtrate</i> : add pure NaHO in excess, boil and filter:—	<i>Residue</i> is $\text{SiO}_2$ and may be neglected.

a test-tube and warm gently; if no yellow precipitate forms even after standing be present in the solution, which may therefore be at once examined by Table

filtrate and heated; if it causes no precipitate,  $(\text{PO}_4)^{''}$  and therefore Ba, Sr, Ca, and once added, and the precipitate examined by Table III. c. (464, 465) or the

may be examined either by adding  $\text{AmCl}$ ,  $\text{AmHO}$ , and  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  together and III. B. separately by  $\text{AmCl}$  and  $\text{AmHO}$  and then  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , and examining the pre-

by boiling with excess of NaHO, and filtering;  $\text{AlPO}_4$  will be in solution, and is gelatinous precipitate;  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6$  remains as a precipitate and is detected by dissolv-

**B. b. THE SUBSTANCE POSSESSES METALLIC LUSTRE, AND IS PROBABLY A METAL OR ALLOY.**

After making the Preliminary Examination in (467-469), either of the two methods given below (470, 471) may be adopted.

The first method is by far the most ready and certain for the examination of a metal or alloy of unknown composition, since all metals, even when present in small quantity only, may thus be detected.

In making the solution by the second method, Sn, Sb, Au, and Pt are left undissolved, all other metals passing into solution; it is not however to be recommended as a *general* process for examination of metals and alloys, since the following complications are apt to occur:—If As is present with Sn, a part or the whole of the As may remain in the residue; Pt, if present with a sufficient quantity of Ag, may pass entirely into solution; and Sb will always partly dissolve. The process however is useful in cases where an alloy, known to contain a large proportion of Sn or Sb, has to be examined for other metals, which are thus dissolved away at once from the bulk of the Sn or Sb: but care must be taken that As is not passed over in the presence of Sn.

**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.**

**467.** Note its colour, and smell, if any, when rubbed with the hand; also whether it is crystalline or not. Note also the hardness of the metal, by seeing if it can be scratched or cut by a steel knife; also whether on being struck smartly with a hammer it breaks to powder (brittle), or flattens out (malleable). Then try the following experiments:—

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
<b>468. I.</b> —Heat a small portion on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	The results obtained by (403) and (404) in the Preliminary Table may be here obtained.	The inference will be found stated in (403) and (404).
<b>469. II.</b> —Heat a portion in a small tube closed at one end. <i>Note.</i> —As and S can frequently only be detected as arsenate and sulphate by fusion in the outer flame with $\text{KNO}_3$ .	A metallic sublimate forms. It consists of small liquid globules. A yellow sublimate melting to reddish-yellow drops, and the substance heated slowly in a tube open at both ends evolves $\text{SO}_2$ . [See (368), III. and (417).]	Presence of Hg, Cd, As, two latter detected by (468). Presence of Hg. Presence of S. from a sulphide.

**PROCESSES FOR SOLUTION AND EXAMINATION OF A METAL OR ALLOY.**

**470. METHOD I.**—Pour some rather dilute HCl upon the powdered metal in a small flask covered with a watch-glass with its concave surface upwards, and heat for some time just short of boiling; if the metal dissolves readily, continue heating until the metal is completely dissolved, and examine the HCl solution according to the General Table (419).

Frequently HCl alone does not effect complete solution, two or three drops of strong  $\text{HNO}_3$  should then be poured in, and more  $\text{HNO}_3$  and HCl added occasionally when the action ceases or when red fumes are no longer given off. When the metal has entirely disappeared, add a little more strong HCl and boil as long as any Cl or reddish fumes are given off; then dilute with a little water, heat to boiling, and cool; filter if there is any white residue:—

*Residue, if crystalline, is probably  $\text{PbCl}_2$ , and will be found to dissolve entirely if washed with sufficient boiling water.*

In this solution the presence of Pb is confirmed by adding  $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ , which gives a yellow precipitate soluble in excess of  $\text{KHO}$ :—

*Presence of Pb.*

If any residue is left after washing well with boiling water, it is probably  $\text{AgCl}$ ; confirm the presence of Ag by pouring upon the residue hot AmHO, it dissolves completely but is reprecipitated on adding  $\text{HNO}_3$  in excess:—

*Presence of Ag.*

*Filtrate (note 1): dilute largely with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (see note 2), and whether this causes a precipitate or not, pass  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to saturation into the solution; examine any precipitate thus produced by Table II. (435), and proceed to examine the filtrate for Groups III., IV., and V., as directed in the General Table (419).*

*Note 1.*—If Au and Pt may be present, they must be tested for in the  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  precipitate, according to the directions in (472–474).

*Note 2.*—A white precipitate appearing on dilution is due to the presence of Bi, Sb, or Sn.

**471. METHOD II.**—Pour upon the finely divided metal some strong  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,\* and heat in a small flask covered with a

\* If Hg is found in the preliminary examination and small quantities of Ag have to be tested for, the Hg should be expelled by heating the substance strongly in a porcelain crucible before dissolving in acid, as  $\text{Hg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  tends to prevent the precipitation of Ag by HCl in Group I.

watch-glass as long as any red fumes appear. One of two results will occur :—

I.	II.
<p><i>The substance dissolves completely with or without addition of water.</i> Absence of Pt, Au, Sb, Sn (note 1). Examine the solution, after boiling nearly to dryness and diluting with water (note 2), by the General Table (419).</p>	<p><i>A Residue is left:</i> add some hot water and boil, then filter and wash the residue on the filter well with boiling water (note 2). The residue may present the following appearances :—</p> <p>1. <i>Entirely metallic or black powder:</i> probably Pt or Au. Dissolve by heating in a small flask, covered with a watch-glass, with a little HCl to which a few drops of HNO<sub>3</sub> have been added. When completely dissolved add more HCl, and boil down in an evaporating basin nearly to dryness, examine the solution for Au and Pt by (474), commencing with the addition of KCl and using only the left hand side of the table, since Sn will be absent.</p> <p>2. <i>White powder</i> may contain Sn, Sb, As, possibly also Pt and Au concealed in it (note 3).</p>

*Note 1.*—The solution is liable to contain small quantities of these metals, which must always be tested for in a careful analysis.

*Note 2.*—BiOCl will often precipitate on dilution, but the precipitate will disappear on adding HCl and boiling, being thus easily distinguished from the Group I. precipitate.

*Note 3.*—If much residue is obtained a small quantity of it may be heated in a test-tube with HCl adding KClO<sub>3</sub>, if it dissolves entirely dissolve the whole of the residue, then examine the solution by Table II., commencing at (435 b): if it refuses to dissolve proceed with the rest of the residue as directed below. If the residue is small in quantity examine it at once as directed below.

*Examination of the Non-metallic Residue insoluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>.*—Dry the residue on the filter at a gentle heat, mix it thoroughly with about an equal quantity of powdered Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and NaNO<sub>3</sub>, and fuse the mixture in a porcelain crucible for some time; then pour the melted substance out into a porcelain dish; allow it to cool, and pour upon it cold water; let it stand for some time. After crushing the mass with a pestle and stirring it occasionally, filter, and wash the residue on the filter with dilute alcohol, throwing away the washings :—

*Residue* may contain Sn, Sb, Pt, Au. Place it in a small porcelain dish, pour in a little HCl and heat, then add water; whether the residue has dissolved or not place in the liquid a slip of Pt-foil and drop upon it a piece of pure Zn; H-gas is given off; wait until this ceases, taking care that there is some Zn left undissolved, and adding more Zn if the first piece has entirely dissolved. Now remove the platinum strip; if it is stained black *Sb is present*.

The residue in the dish may consist of Sn, Au, and Pt; remove the Zn, rinsing off any substance adhering to it into the dish, stir the liquid in the dish well, then pour off the liquid, carefully leaving the residue; pour in water, stir well, and again pour off carefully. Boil the residue for some time with strong HCl in a test-tube, dilute, decant, add  $HgCl_2$ , a white precipitate forms:—*Presence of Sn*.

*Residue*: dissolve by warming with HCl and  $HNO_3$ , and examine the solution for Au and Pt by (474), using only the left hand portion.

*Filtrate* may contain  $(AsO_3)_3$ : add  $HNO_3$  until the solution is acid and boil, evaporating the liquid in a dish if very bulky. Pour in  $AgNO_3$  as long as it gives any precipitate, and add gradually AmHO diluted with 10 or 12 times its bulk of water, a brown precipitate shows:—

*Presence of As.*

#### SEPARATION AND DETECTION OF Au AND Pt.

**472.** Au and Pt will, in the ordinary course of analysis, be entirely precipitated as sulphides in the Second Group, if  $H_2S$  is passed for some time into the hot HCl-solution; and since these sulphides are soluble in KHO and in  $Am_2S$ , on examining the  $H_2S$  precipitate by Table II. (435), the Au and Pt will pass into the filtrate when the precipitate is boiled with KHO or  $Am_2S$ . No modification of the process described in Table II. is required for the detection of these two metals until the examination of the residue in the hydrogen-flask is commenced. The Au and Pt will be present in this residue, associated with Sn if it be present, and usually also with at least a part of the Sb (if present), since Zn and Pt if in contact in an acid liquid cause the separation of metallic Sb (193). Accordingly when Au and Pt have to be tested for, the ordinary course of analysis is to be followed until the residue in the hydrogen-flask is obtained; and this is examined as directed below (473).

**473.** After washing the residue left in the hydrogen-flask by decantation in a porcelain dish and removing any excess of Zn, boil it with a little strong HCl in a test-tube for several minutes, allow the residue to settle, and decant the liquid :—

**474. Residue.\*** Pour upon the residue in the dish a little HCl, add several drops of  $\text{HNO}_3$ , and boil gently very nearly to dryness; add some KCl solution, and evaporate once more very nearly to dryness. Pour some absolute alcohol into the cool dish and stir well for a time, allow the precipitate to settle and decant the liquid, wash the precipitate by stirring it with a little more alcohol, and decant the liquid when the precipitate has settled :—

*Precipitate* will consist of yellow  $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  and excess of KCl, dissolve it in a little boiling water, pour it into a white dish, add several drops of HCl, then  $\text{SnCl}_4$ : an orange-red coloration confirms the

*Presence of Pt.*

*Solution* will be yellow if Au is present; evaporate carefully on a water-bath just to dryness, dissolve in a little water and add a few drops of freshly prepared  $\text{FeSO}_4$  solution. Au will be precipitated in a fine powder, causing the liquid to appear reddish by reflected and blue by transmitted light:—

*Presence of Au.*

*Solution:* Add  $\text{HgCl}_2$ , a white precipitate, which does not appear at once if only traces of Sn are present:—  
*Presence of Sn.*

\* If Sb has not been detected already in the precipitate produced by the gases in  $\text{AgNO}_3$  solution (435 b), this residue should be examined for Sb. Boil it once more for some time with strong HCl to remove all Sn, wash the residue well by decantation and boil it in the dish with  $\text{H}_2\text{T}$  adding a few drops of  $\text{HNO}_3$ , decant and test the liquid for Sb by adding HCl and passing  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ : the residue is then examined as above (474).

EXAMINATION OF SUBSTANCES INSOLUBLE IN  
WATER AND ACIDS.

**475.** *An insoluble substance may consist of one or more of the following substances, all of which are white except  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{PbCrO}_4$ , S, C, and  $\text{AgCl}$  which has been exposed to light.*

*Note.*—Substances embraced in brackets ( ) may possibly be present, those in square brackets [ ] improbably because they are soluble in water.

1. $\text{BaSO}_4$	Insoluble in water and acids.
2. $\text{SrSO}_4$	Insoluble " "
3. $[\text{CaSO}_4]$	{ Not perfectly insoluble in water, soluble in hot
4. $(\text{PbSO}_4)$	HCl: hence it should pass into the acid solution.
5. $\text{PbCrO}_4$	Insoluble after being strongly heated.
6. $[\text{PbCl}_3]$	{ Soluble in boiling water, and should therefore have been removed if the residue was well washed with boiling water.
7. $\text{AgCl}$	{ This may have been originally present as such, or may have been derived from the use of HCl in making the solution, or by the action of aqua regia on the insoluble substances $\text{AgBr}$ , $\text{AgI}$ , $\text{AgC}_y$ , $\text{Ag}_2\text{Fe}_3\text{C}_y$ , $\text{Ag}_2\text{FeC}_y$ . Either uncombined, or as a silicate.
8. $\text{SiO}_2$	
9. $(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)$	
10. $(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3)$	{ Insoluble after being strongly ignited, but these are usually dissolved by long boiling with strong HCl.
11. $(\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3)$	Chrome iron ore, native.
12. $\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$	Native or ignited.
13. $(\text{SnO}_2)$	
14. $\text{Sb}_2\text{O}_5, \text{Sb}_2\text{O}_4$	{ Also a few other fluorides, and some metaphosphates and arsenates.
15. $\text{CaF}$	{ Yellow, slowly soluble in strong $\text{HNO}_3$ , giving red fumes, and yielding $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ . Black, and quite insoluble.

*Note.*—If sufficient of the substance is at disposal, the preliminary examination (476) may be made on a portion of it. In case the quantity of substance is small, however, the whole of the substance must be employed for the examination by fusion (477).

## 476. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

*Note.*—The substance must be in the state of dry powder. Make a careful examination of it with a pocket lens. Expts. I. and II. need only be made if the substance is light in colour.

Experiment.	Observation.	Inference.
I. Observe whether the substance darkens when allowed to stand in the light for some time.	The colour changes to violet or black.	Presence of $\text{AgCl}$ .
II. Pour a little $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ upon a portion of the substance on a watch-glass.	The substance blackens; pass on to III. The substance does not blacken; pass on to V, omitting III and IV, since Pb and Ag must be absent. Brownish precipitate.	Presence of Pb or Ag.
III. Heat some of the substance with a little water and a small piece of $\text{KC}_y$ ; filter off (keeping the residue), to the filtrate add $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .		Presence of $\text{AgCl}$ . <i>Confirmatory.</i> By warming the substance with $\text{AmHO}$ , filtering, and adding excess of $\text{HNO}_3$ to the filtrate, a white precipitate will form, which, on being shaken well or heated, coagulates into flocks.
IV. Wash the residue from Exp. III. well upon the filter: a. It is white; drop $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ upon it. b. It is dark-coloured; pour in a little HA, and boil after adding $\text{AmHO}$ in excess; filter, to the filtrate add HA in excess and $\text{K}_2\text{CrO}_4$ .	The residue blackens.	Presence of $\text{PbSO}_4$ (or $\text{PbCl}_2$ ).
V. Take up some of the substance upon a moistened loop of platinum-wire; heat it for a short time in the inner blowpipe flame, then moisten with a drop of strong $\text{HCl}$ , and hold in the outer part of a Bunsen flame.	Yellow precipitate, soluble in $\text{KHO}$ . A reddish-yellow coloration, dusky-green when seen through the indigo-prism. A crimson-red coloration appearing deep-red through the indigo-prism. A yellowish-green coloration. [Note.—If all these are present the colorations may often be seen in succession, Ca first, then Sr, and Ba last and very permanent.] Yellow sublimate forms on the sides of tube. When strongly heated the substance smoulders, and ultimately burns away.	Presence of $\text{PbSO}_4$ (or $\text{PbCl}_2$ ). Presence of Ca. Presence of Sr sulphate. Presence of Ba.
VI. Heat in a small test-tube or ignition tube, then on a piece of porcelain or broken glass, or platinum-foil.	Yellow sublimate forms on the sides of tube.	Presence of S.
VII. Heat with strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ in a platinum crucible or leaden cup covered with a watch-glass (296). Or if a silicate is present examine by passing the gas into $\text{AmHO}$ (297).	When strongly heated the substance smoulders, and ultimately burns away. The glass is etched. Gelatinous precipitate obtained in the $\text{AmHO}$ .	Presence of C. Presence of F.
VIII. Fuse some of the substance in a bead of $\text{NaAmHPO}_4$ , first in the outer then in the inner blowpipe flame.	Particles are seen floating undissolved in the melted bead. Green-coloured bead. Reddish-brown bead, colourless when cold, and becoming greenish in the inner flame.	Presence of $\text{SiO}_2$ . Presence of Cr. Presence of Fe.

## ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF INSOLUBLE SUBSTANCES.

477. Mix the finely powdered substance\* with 3 or 4 times its weight of fusion-mixture, and heat the mixture in a small covered porcelain crucible † until it melts ; keep it in fusion for at least 10 minutes. Allow the crucible to cool, then pour some water into it and allow to stand or boil until the solid mass is loosened from the crucible ; boil this in a porcelain dish with distilled water, crushing the mass by pressure with a pestle if it does not quickly fall to pieces. Allow the residue to settle, pour off the solution through a filter, and boil the residue with a little more water ; pour off through the same filter, adding this filtrate to the former one.

For the examination of the undissolved residue see (478), for the filtrate (479).

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\* Which, if it is found by Exp. VI. to contain free S or C, must first be heated strongly for some time in a porcelain crucible.

† If Pb and Ag have been proved to be absent by the preliminary tests, or if they have been first removed by boiling the substance with KCy solution, then with HA and excess of AmHO and washing well, a platinum crucible may be used. The use of a platinum crucible is preferable, since after fusing in porcelain small quantities of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $SiO_2$  will always be found, being derived from the action of the  $Na_2CO_3$  on the porcelain.

**478.** *Residue on the filter*; wash well with boiling water, then make a hole in the bottom of the filter, wash the residue through into a test-tube by pouring upon it a little boiling dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$  (see note 1, foot of Table), and boil; the residue dissolves entirely if the fusion has been continued sufficiently long (see note 2). Filter if necessary, and add to this filtrate or solution  $\text{HCl}$ , filter:—

<i>Precipitate may contain <math>\text{AgCl}</math>, <math>\text{PbCl}_2</math>. Examine by Table I. (433).</i>	<i>Filtrate</i> , which must give no more precipitate with $\text{HCl}$ , is boiled in a porcelain dish as long as any $\text{Cl}$ is given off, diluted with cold water, saturated with $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ and filtered:—
<i>Precipitate may contain <math>\text{PbS}</math>, <math>\text{SnS}_2</math>, <math>\text{Sb}_2\text{S}_3</math>. Examine by Table II. (435).</i>	<i>Filtrate</i> , which must give no further precipitate when $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ is again passed through it, is boiled in a porcelain dish until it no longer smells of $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ; a little strong $\text{HNO}_3$ is then added, and the liquid boiled again for several minutes (note 3); $\text{AmCl}$ is then added and the liquid boiled, then $\text{AmHO}$ is added in excess:—
<i>Precipitate may contain <math>\text{Fe}_2\text{Ho}_6</math>, <math>\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6</math>, <math>\text{Cr}_2\text{Ho}_6</math>. Examine by Table III A (436).</i>	<i>To filtrate add <math>\text{Am}_2\text{S}</math>; [this will rarely cause any precipitate, but a precipitate here is to be examined by Table III A (437)] then to the solution or filtrate add <math>\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3</math>, filter:—</i>
<i>Precipitate may contain <math>\text{BaCO}_3</math>, <math>\text{SrCO}_3</math>, <math>\text{CaCO}_3</math>. Examine by Table IV. (438).</i>	<i>Filtrate</i> may be examined for $\text{Mg}$ according to Table V. (439), but this is only necessary if $\text{SiO}_2$ is present.

*Note 1.*—If  $\text{Ag}$  and  $\text{Pb}$  are known to be absent by the preliminary experiments,  $\text{HCl}$  may be used for dissolving the residue and is preferable; if effervescence is produced by these acids the presence of an alkaline earth is proved.

*Note 2.*—A residue here may consist of chrome iron ore; this may be dissolved by heating with  $\text{HNO}_3$  and  $\text{KClO}_3$ , and the solution tested by the General Table, when  $\text{Cr}$  and  $\text{Fe}$  will be found.

*Note 3.*—It is best to evaporate this solution quite to dryness, using a water-bath towards the end if the substance spirits. This is always necessary if  $\text{SiO}_2$  is present in the substance, since it is sometimes obtained in the acid solution, and is by this means at once separated.

**479. Aqueous Solution of the Fused Mass.**—Divide into two parts **A** and **B**.

**A.** Add HCl until the liquid is distinctly acid, and evaporate in a porcelain dish to dryness, finishing the process on a water-bath if necessary to avoid spitting ; then continue to heat the dish gently until the residue is quite dry ; pour in a little strong HCl and warm, dilute and heat again ; an insoluble residue shows presence of  $SiO_2$ .

Filter, and examine the filtrate by the General Table (419) more particularly for Al, but other bases should also be tested for, which being soluble in alkalis pass into this solution, such as Cr, Mn, Zn, Sn.

**B.** Test separate portions for the following acid-radicles as described below :—

1. ( $Cl^-$ )': Acidify with  $HNO_3$  and add  $AgNO_3$ , white precipitate easily soluble in AmHO.

2. ( $SO_4^{2-}$ )': Acidify with HCl and add  $BaCl_2$ , white precipitate insoluble on boiling.

*Note.*—Unless the fusion mixture employed was free from  $NaCl$  and  $Na_2SO_4$ , tests 1 or 2 are worthless.

3. ( $CrO_4^{2-}$ )': Acidify with  $H\bar{A}$  and add  $Pb\bar{A}_2$ , yellow precipitate ; a chromate is seen also by the yellow colour of the solution. Cr thus detected may have been present acting as a metal or as a constituent of an acid-radicle.

4. ( $PO_4^{3-}$ )': Acidify with  $HNO_3$ , add a few drops to Am $HMnO_4$  solution, and warm gently. A yellow precipitate forms, often only after a time, or on gently heating. If As has been found on passing  $H_2S$  into the hot HCl solution, ( $PO_4^{3-}$ )' must be tested for in a portion of the filtrate after boiling off  $H_2S$ , else the above yellow precipitate may be due to ( $AsO_4^{3-}$ )'.

5. ( $F^-$ ): Add HCl in excess to a part of the solution, stir well, and let stand until the  $CO_2$  has escaped, then add AmHO in excess, then  $CaCl_2$  as long as it produces any precipitate, and let stand for a time ; filter off, dry the precipitate and examine it for F by pouring strong  $H_2SO_4$  upon it in a platinum crucible covered with a watch-glass (296).

## ANALYSIS OF SILICATES.

480. The presence of silica is shown by Exp. VIII. in the Preliminary Examination of insoluble substances (476); when it has been found it becomes necessary to examine for all metals, since many silicates which are soluble when alone, become insoluble when mixed or combined with insoluble silicates.

The ordinary analytical course requires but slight modification to adapt it to the examination of silicates. Many silicates are entirely decomposed by heating with strong HCl for some time just short of boiling; if this decomposition has been effected, only a colourless residue of silicic acid will remain, which when filtered off is completely dissolved by heating it with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution.

If the silicate is not completely decomposed by hot strong HCl, some of it must be fused with fusion mixture as directed in (477), and the cool residue boiled with water; the solution and residue are then examined by (478) and (479), remembering however that all metals may be present.

481. Since Na and K cannot be tested for in the solution obtained after fusion, a separate portion must be examined for K and Na by one of the following processes:—

I. Evaporate the powdered substance several times in a platinum dish or crucible either with hydrofluoric acid and subsequently with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , or with five times its weight of calcium fluoride mixed into a paste with strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , in either case heating finally until no more white fumes are evolved. Boil the cool residue with water, add  $\text{BaCl}_2$  solution as long as it causes any precipitate, then add AmHO in excess and  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  as long as it causes any precipitate, filter and examine the filtrate for K and Na as directed under Table V. (439).

II. Mix the powdered substance intimately with four times its weight of barium hydrate, and heat strongly in a platinum crucible for about half an hour; dissolve the cool mass in dilute HCl, add AmHO in excess and then  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  in excess, filter, rejecting the precipitate; evaporate the filtrate to dryness, ignite the residue, then boil it with water; add a little HCl to the solution and test for K and Na as under Table V. (439).

## 482. ANALYSIS OF SUBSTANCES CONTAINING CYANOGEN.

If a small quantity of the substance to be analysed, when examined by (304) or (306), is found to contain cyanogen, the usual course of analysis must be somewhat modified, since the presence of cyanogen would produce confusing results. The cyanogen may be present as a cyanide, sulphocyanide, ferrocyanide, ferricyanide, or cobalticyanide, rarely as a man-ganocyanide or chromicyanide. Since the method to be adopted when a cyanide or sulphocyanide only is present, is much more simple than that rendered necessary by the presence of the other cyanogen-compounds above mentioned, it is advisable first to ascertain in what form the cyanogen occurs, by the following preliminary experiments made on a small portion of the substance; according to the results yielded by these experiments the further examination of the substance is made by Method I. (484) or by Method II. (485).

### PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

483. Boil a portion of the substance for several minutes with KHO solution, then add some  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution as long as it causes any precipitate, and boil again for several minutes; filter, make the cold filtrate just acid with HCl, filter if necessary, and to separate portions add :—

Reagent added.	Result.	Inference.
1. $\text{FeSO}_4$ solution . . .	{ Blue precipitate . . White precipitate . .	Presence of $(\text{FeC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ . Probable presence of $(\text{CoC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ .
2. $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_9$ solution . . .	Blue precipitate . .	Presence of $(\text{FeC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ .
3. $\text{ZnSO}_4$ solution as long as it causes any precipitate . .	{ Blood-red coloration . . Light-brown precipitate . . White precipitate . .	Presence of $(\text{C}_2\text{S})^{\text{v}}$ . Presence of $(\text{FeC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ . Presence of $(\text{FeC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ .  { $(\text{CoC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ .
<i>Confirmatory.</i> —Filter off the precipitate, add $\text{ZnSO}_4$ solution to the filtrate, and if it causes any precipitate, pour again through the filter, repeating this process until no further precipitate is produced by $\text{ZnSO}_4$ . Fuse some of the precipitate in a clear borax bead . . . .	A blue bead is produced	Presence of $(\text{CoC}_2)_2^{\text{v}}$ .

If these preliminary tests show the presence of  $(FeCy_6)^{IV}$ ,  $(FeCy_5)^V$  by method II. (485). If the absence of these acid-radicles is inferred their presence, proceed according to Method I. (484).

If none of the above acid-radicles are found in the preliminary course is to expel H<sub>2</sub>Cy by boiling after adding HCl in preparing.

**484. METHOD I.**—If (CyS)<sup>V</sup> is present, boil the portion of the for some time, dilute a little and boil again. If any residue remains as directed at the end of (420), any undissolved residue being evaporated nearly to dryness and examined by (419).

Another portion of the substance is examined for acid-radicles in

**485. METHOD II.**—(Fresenius.) Boil the substance with water to the filtrate:—

**Filtrate:** Examine this for metals (more especially the alkalis) and for acid-radicles according to the directions given for analysing a liquid (380). The acid-radicle should be first tested for in a portion of the solution and if  $(FeCy_6)^{IV}$ ,  $(Fe_2Cy_{12})^{VI}$ ,  $(Co_2Cy_{12})^{VI}$ , (one or more) be found, the solution must be evaporated to dryness with HNO<sub>3</sub>, and the residue strongly heated (see General Table) after filtering from the H<sub>2</sub>S precipitate, in order to destroy these cyanogen radicles.

**Residue:** Boil with KHO solution for several minutes, then cool and boil again; filter and wash the residue:—

**Filtrate:** Pass H<sub>2</sub>S, and if it causes any precipitate or more KHO, heat and filter:—

**Precipitate:** Wash well with boiling water, and boil the precipitate with strong HNO<sub>3</sub>, a black residue of HgS may remain, filter this off after diluting the acid, and confirm the presence of Hg in the precipitate by heating it with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in a bulb-tube (147).

The filtrate (or solution if HgS is absent) is evaporated to dryness, the residue is then dissolved in a little hot strong HCl, the solution is much diluted, saturated with H<sub>2</sub>S, and filtered:—

**Filtrate;** Add dilution and filter:—

**Precipitate:** Boil with KHO, filter off any black precipitate, examine it for Hg, heating it with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in a bulb tube (147). Add to the filtrate solution HCl until it is acid, pass H<sub>2</sub>S to saturation, and examine for As, S, Sn, (Pt, Au), by Table II. (435), commencing at (435).

**Precipitate:** Examine for Pb and Cu by Table II. (435 a).

**Filtrate:** Add AmCl, AmHO in excess, and Am<sub>2</sub>S, and examine for Zn, Mn, Ni, Co, &c., by Table III. C<sub>2</sub> (435).

\* If H<sub>2</sub>S causes a precipitate to form, NaHS (or KHS) may be added to the filtrate; this may be done instead of passing H<sub>2</sub>S to saturation and the

$\rightarrow \text{Cy}_6)_2^{\text{VI}}$ , one or more, examine the remainder of the substance ed by not obtaining the results in the 2d column which indicate

periments, the only modification requisite in the ordinary analytical solution (383) or in testing for Group I. (419).

stance which is to be examined for metals with strong  $\text{HNO}_3$  heat the solution and proceed to endeavour to dissolve the residue en examined according to (475 *et seq.*). The  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution is

e usual way.

ter, and wash the residue with boiling water, adding the washings

me  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution as long as it causes any precipitate in the solution or the filtrate,

ne to pass the gas until the liquid is saturated, then add

$\text{SO}_3$  gradually until the liquid is just acid, pass  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to sa-

*Filtrate:* Divide into two parts,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ :

Examine for acid-radicals in the usual way, testing for  $(\text{Co}_2\text{Cy}_{12})^{\text{VI}}$  by adding excess of  $\text{ZnSO}_4$ , filtering and trying whether the precipitate gives a blue bead with borax.

$\beta$ . Evaporate to dryness and fuse the residue. When cold boil it with water and filter:

*Residue:* Dissolve in  $\text{HCl}$ , and test for Al, Fe, Mn, Co (465); the last three if found were present as cyanogen-acid-radicals.

*Filtrate:* Acidify a portion if yellow, with  $\text{HA}$  and add  $\text{PbA}_2$ , a yellow precipitate shows  $(\text{CrO}_4)^{\text{VII}}$ , the Cr having been present as cyanogen-acid-radicle.

Test another part for Al by adding  $\text{HCl}$  in excess, then  $\text{AmHO}$  in excess.

*Residue:* Dissolve and examine for metals in the usual manner, (383).

*Note*—Fe, Co, Mn, Cr, if found in this residue, were not present as  $(\text{FeCy}_6)^{\text{VI}}$ ,  $(\text{Fe}_2\text{Cy}_{12})^{\text{VI}}$ ,  $(\text{Co}_2\text{Cy}_{12})^{\text{VI}}$ .

drop by drop until it no longer gives any precipitate in the liquid or in adding  $\text{KHO}$ .

**486.** The advantage of employing this somewhat complicated and tedious method of Fresenius is that it usually enables the analyst to ascertain whether Fe, Co, (Mn, Cr), when present, form a part of a complex cyanogen acid-radicle or simply act as metals combined with acid-radicles. For if Fe, Co, Mn, Cr, are found in the residue left after boiling with KHO and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, they were present in the latter form, if found in the alkaline filtrate they were present as cyanogen acid-radicles; if they were detected as cyanogen acid-radicles in the aqueous solution they were entirely present in that solution in that form, although they will also be detected in the examination for metallic radicles; if they were detected only as metallic radicles and not as cyanogen acid-radicles, they were present as metallic radicles in the aqueous solution.

**487.** The following two processes have been proposed for removing cyanogen from a substance before analysis, after which the substance may be examined for metals in the usual way (382 *et seq.*); but these methods, though much more easy and rapid, are less perfect than the preceding ones, since Fe, Co, Mn, Cr, if detected, may have been present either as cyanogen acid-radicles, or as metals united with an acid-radicle, or in both forms.

1. Pour upon the powdered substance strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in a porcelain crucible, evaporate to dryness and ignite the residue strongly; when cold dissolve it by heating with a little strong HCl, adding water and heating again. (Rose.)

2. "Cyanogen compounds are best destroyed by fusion in a porcelain crucible with 3 or 4 times their weight of a mixture of 3 parts of Am<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 1 part of AmNO<sub>3</sub>." The residue left in the crucible is dissolved and examined for metals in the usual way.

**EXAMPLE SHOWING HOW TO ENTER THE RESULTS OF ANALYSIS OF A COMPLEX SUBSTANCE.**

The substance given for analysis consisted of a powder containing pink, blue, white, and black particles. It smelt faintly of ammonia.

**488. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR METALS.**

Expt.	Observation.	Inference.
EXPT. I.—Heated in a small dry test-tube.  <i>Conv.</i> —Held in the upper part of the tube a glass rod with a drop of lime-water hanging on its end.  <i>Conv.</i> —Boiled a portion of the substance with KHO solution.  <i>Conv.</i> —Heated strongly another portion of the dried substance with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ in a bulb-tube.	Water given off which turned red litmus-paper blue. Strong smell of $\text{NH}_3$ gas. Substance blackened, no smell of burning.  Slight white sublimate. The lime-water became milky. Brown nitrous fumes evolved, recognised by their smell. $\text{Cl}$ -gas evolved, found by smell and bleaching litmus. $\text{NH}_3$ gas was evolved, recognised by its smell, and by giving white fumes with strong HCl. No mirror formed.	Pres. of $\text{NH}_3$ . Pres. of $\text{NH}_3$ . Prob. pres. of Co, Cu, and abn. of $\overline{\text{T}}$ and $\overline{\text{A}}$ .  Pres. of $\text{Aa}$ , $\text{NH}_3$ , or $\text{Hg}$ . $\text{CO}_2$ evolved.  Pres. of nitrate.  Pres. of Cl.  Pres. of $\text{NH}_3$ . Aba. of $\text{Hg}$ and $\text{Aa}$ .
EXPT. II.—Heated a portion of the substance on a loop of platinum-wire in the Bunsen flame, moistened with HCl and heated again in the flame.  Heated for some time in the tip of the inner blow-pipe-flame, moistened with HCl, and again held in the Bunsen flame.	<i>Bright-yellow</i> flame. The flame appeared <i>purple</i> through the indigo-prism.  <i>Crimson</i> col. appearing <i>intense red</i> through the indigo-prism. <i>Bright green</i> col. with <i>blue</i> core.	Pres. of Na.  Pres. of K.  Pres. of Sr. Pres. of Cu.

Expt.	Observation.	Inference.
Expt. III.—Heated a portion of the substance on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame.	The greater part of the substance fused readily, and was absorbed by the charcoal. Deflagration occurred. A red metallic residue remained.	Pres. of alkali salt. Pres. of chlorate, nitrate.
Conv'y.—Fused in a clear borax bead in the outer and inner blowpipe flames.	In the outer flame a bead green whilst hot, blue when cold. In the inner flame red and nearly opaque. No bluish-green or yellow mass on cooling.	Prea. of Cu.
Conv'y.—Fused on platinum foil with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KNO}_3$ .	No bluish-green or yellow mass on cooling.	Prea. of Cu.
Conv'y.—Fused on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ .	Red metallic residue. A portion, placed on a silver coin and moistened gave no black stain.	Aba. of Mn and Cr. Pres. of Cu.
		Aba. of S.

## 489. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR ACID-RADICLES.

Expt.	Observation.	Inference.
Expt. I.—Added dilute HCl without heating.	A colourless gas was evolved, which was free from smell, and turned a drop of limewater milky.	Pres. of carbonate.
Heated to boiling.	Cl was evolved, recognised by its smell and by bleaching moist litmus-paper.	Abs. of sulphite, hypochlorite, &c.
Expt. II.—Added strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .	A bright yellow chlorous gas evolved, which crackled when warmed.	Pres. of nitrate, chloride, or some other oxidising substance.
Heated strongly, cooled, and rinsed out.	The tube when dry was seen not to be etched.	
Conv'y.—Dropped in copper turnings and heated.	Reddish - brown fumes evolved.	
Conv'y.—Boiled a portion of the substance with water, added strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , cooled and poured in $\text{FeSO}_4$ solution carefully.	A brown ring formed on the surface of the acid.	Pres. of chlorate. Abs. of fluoride. Pres. of nitrate. Pres. of nitrate.

**490. EXAMINATION FOR METALS IN THE WET WAY.**

Boiled a portion of the substance with  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_6$ ,  $\text{FeSO}_4$  and  $\text{KHO}$ , added  $\text{HCl}$  in excess, no blue pp. :—*Absence of Cy.*

Proceeded to dissolve the substance and examine the solution by the General Table. (See pp. 220, 232.)

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Boiled a portion of the substance with water; as it did not act upon the undissolved residue: effervescence occurred, and on boiling Cl was perceived; the substance was completely dissolved. Cold previously to give no pp. on addition of a little dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$ :

<i>No pp. was formed. Abs. of Group I. Hg, Ag. and prob. Pb.</i>	<i>Diluted with water and passed <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math> until the liquid smelt strongly. A black pp. Exam'd. by Table II.</i>	<i>Filtrate which gave no further pp. Boiled until it no longer smelt of <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math> on addition of <math>\text{HNO}_3</math>, prob. prob. of <math>\text{HCl}</math> soln. added AmHO, then boiled; filtered:— A brown pp. Exam'd. by Table III. A.</i>
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491. EXAM<sup>N.</sup> OF PP. IN GROUP II.—Removed from the filter into a porcelain dish and boiled with KHO, filtered:—

<i>Filtrate:— Acidified with HCl, a white milky liquid only: Abs. of Group II. B.</i>	<i>Pp. removed from filter by a knife-blade into a porcelain dish and boiled with strong <math>\text{HNO}_3</math> as long as any red fumes came off, added dilute <math>\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4</math> and stirred well:— No pp.:— Abs. of Hg and Pb.</i>	<i>Added to soln. excess of AmHO:— No pp.:— Abs. of Br.</i>	<i>Acidified the soln. with HCl and saturated with <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math>; filtered off the black pp. rapidly and boiled it with dilute <math>\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4</math>:— Pp.: dissolved in a little boiling dilute <math>\text{HNO}_3</math>, added AmHO in excess, then excess of HA, then <math>\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6</math>, chocolate-red pp.:— Pres. of Cu.</i>	<i>Filtrate: diluted much and passed <math>\text{H}_2\text{S}</math>, no pp.:— Abs. of Cd.</i>
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#### EXAM<sup>N.</sup> OF PP. IN GROUP. III. A.

Dissolved in a little boiling dilute HCl, added pure NaHO in excess, boiled and filtered:—

<i>Filtrate: added HCl gradually till the liquid became acid (no pp.), then AmHO in excess: no pp.:— Abs. of Al.</i>	<i>Pp.: dried and fused on platinum-foil with <math>\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3</math> and <math>\text{KNO}_3</math>, boiled the colourless (abs. of Cr) mass when cold with water: decanted from the undissolved residue:— Residue in the dish dissolved by boiling with a little HCl, added several drops of KCys: a blood-red coloration:— Pres. of Fe.</i>	<i>Soln. being colourless proved abs. of Cr. Acidified with HA, boiled, and added <math>\text{PbO}_2</math>, no yellow pp.:— Abs. of Cr.</i>
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ely dissolve, the sol<sup>n</sup> was decanted, and a little dilute HCl poured smelt. Added a little strong HCl, boiled as long as any smell of sol<sup>n</sup> and mixed it with the water sol<sup>n</sup> which had been proved

gas, filtered :—

was pink (*prob. pres. of Co.*).  
d some strong HNO<sub>3</sub> and boiled to dryness (the colour of the sol<sup>n</sup>. changed to light-brown  
ned the residue with HCl, it dissolved completely (*Abs. of B<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>5</sub>*). To a small portion of  
ned : no pp.: *Absence of (PO<sub>4</sub>)"*. To the rem<sup>r</sup>. added AmCl then excess of AmHO, and

rate was again pink (*presence of Co*): added much Am<sub>2</sub>S and boiled, filtered :—

<i>black pp.</i> <i>Exam'd. by Table III. B.</i>	<i>Filtrate was yellow (Absence of Ni)</i> : added Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , filtered :—  <i>A white pp.</i> <i>Exam'd. by Table IV.</i>	<i>Filtrate.</i> <i>Exam'd. by Table V.</i>
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#### EXAM<sup>N</sup>. OF PP. IN GROUP III. B.

Rinsed the pp. off the filter with some cold dilute HCl,  
stirred well, filtered :—

<i>Pp. was black and had already been proved to contain no Ni: fused a portion into a clear borax-bead: bead blue in both flames:</i> <i>Pres. of Co.</i>	<i>Filtrate</i> : boiled until it no longer smelt of H <sub>2</sub> S, added a crystal of KClO <sub>3</sub> , boiled until the smell of Cl ceased, added pure NaHO in excess:—  <i>No pp.</i> <i>Abs of Mn.</i>	<i>Passed H<sub>2</sub>S into the soln.</i> <i>no pp.:</i> <i>Abs. of Zn.</i>
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#### EXAM<sup>N</sup>. OF PP. IN GROUP IV.

1. *Exam<sup>n</sup> by Flame-col<sup>n</sup>.*—Dissolved a small quantity of the pp. in a few drops of HCl upon a watch-glass, dipped a loop of platinum-wire into the sol<sup>n</sup>. and held it in the Bunsen flame: a crimson-red colour was imparted to the flame, which appeared intense red through the indigo-prism: *Pres. of Sr.* This coloration was followed by a yellowish-green very persistent col<sup>n</sup>; *Presence of Ba.*

2. *Exam<sup>n</sup> in the Wet Way.*—Dissolved the rest of the pp. in as little boiling H<sub>2</sub>O as possible; to a small part of the solution, perfectly cool, added CaSO<sub>4</sub> sol<sup>n</sup>; an immediate pp. formed: *Pres. of Ba.*

To the remainder of the H<sub>4</sub>A sol<sup>n</sup> (proved to be acid to litmus) added K<sub>2</sub>CrO<sub>4</sub> until the liquid appeared yellow, warmed and poured through a double filter:—

<i>Pp., which contained all the Ba present, was rejected.</i>	To the clear <i>filtrate</i> (which was orange-red in colour) added AmHO until the colour changed to light yellow, then added Am <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> in excess and filtered:—
<i>Filtrate was rejected.</i>	<i>Pp.: dissolved in as little boiling H<sub>4</sub>A as possible; added to a small portion of the soln.-CaSO<sub>4</sub> soln. and boiled, a pp. formed, showing pres. of Sr. To the remainder of the H<sub>4</sub>A solution added H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, boiled, filtered, and to the filtrate (which gave no pp. after being boiled with more H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) added AmHO in excess and Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, no pp.:—</i> <i>Abs. of Ca.</i>

#### EXAM<sup>n</sup>. OF FILTRATE FROM GENERAL TABLE FOR GROUP V.

Evaporated the filtrate to dryness in a porcelain dish, scraped out the residue upon platinum-foil, and ignited strongly until white fumes ceased to appear: dissolved the residue off the foil by boiling with water to which several drops of HCl had been added, divided the sol<sup>n</sup> into two unequal parts:—

<i>To the larger portion added several drops of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, then AmHO in excess and several drops of Am<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, on heating a slight pp. formed; filtered, and added to the clear filtrate Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, a white crystalline pp.:—</i> <i>Pres. of Mg.</i>	<i>Into the smaller portion dipped a loop of platinum-wire, and held it in the Bunsen flame, an intense yellow coln.:—</i> <i>Pres. of Na,</i> <i>appearing violet through the indigo-prism:—</i> <i>Pres. of K.</i> <i>Confirmed the pres. of K by stirring a fresh portion of the soln. with PtCl<sub>4</sub> on a watch-glass, a yellow pp.:—</i> <i>Pres. of K.</i>
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Metals found:—Cu, Fe, Co, Ba, Sr, Mg, Na, K, NH<sub>4</sub>.

**492. EXAM<sup>N</sup>. FOR ACID-RADICLES.**

The following acid-radicles have already been detected :  $(CO_3)''$ ,  $(NO_3)'$ ,  $(ClO_3)'$ .

By reference to the Table of Solubilities (455), under the columns corresponding to the above metals, the only salt insoluble in acids is found to be  $BaSO_4$ ; since Ba is present, and the substance is entirely soluble in acids,  $(SO_4)$  is absent.

The following acid-radicles have also been proved to be absent in the general examination for metals :—

$(CrO_4)''$ , by the HCl solution not becoming green on passing  $H_2S$ .

$(AsO_3)'''$  and  $(AsO_4)'''$ , by no pp. forming in Group II. B.

$(SiO_3)''$  and  $(SiF_6)''$ , by no residue insol. in HCl remaining on evaporating to dryness with HCl for Group III. A.

$(PO_4)'''$ , by testing with  $AmHMnO_4$  in the HCl sol<sup>n</sup> for Group III.A.

The organic acid-radicles  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{T}$  are absent, since there was no smell of burning on heating the substance.

The only commonly occurring acid-radicles remaining to be specially tested for are therefore Cl, Br, I,  $(C_2O_4)''$ , and  $(BO_3)'''$ ; and of these Br and I are probably absent, since no violet fumes of I or brown fumes of Br were evolved with strong  $H_2SO_4$ .

Boiled a portion of the substance with pure  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  sol<sup>n</sup> and filtered; acidified portions of the filtrate with—

$\text{HNO}_3$	$\text{HA}$
<i>Added <math>\text{AgNO}_3</math>, a perfectly white pp., easily sol. in AmHO :— Pres. of Cl.</i>	<i>Added <math>\text{CaSO}_4</math>, no pp. :— Abs. of <math>(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)^n</math>.</i>
Moistened a piece of turmeric-paper with HCl sol of the substance and dried at $100^\circ$ , no brown stain produced :— <i>Abs. of <math>(\text{BO}_3)'''</math>.</i>	

493. Found { *Metallic-radicles*: Cu, Fe, Co, Ba, Sr, Mg,  
                  Na, K,  $\text{NH}_4$ .  
                  *Acid-radicles*:  $\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_3$ ,  $\text{ClO}_3$ , Cl.

## SECTION VII.

### **APPARATUS, REAGENTS, &c., REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING COURSE.**

#### **LIST OF APPARATUS REQUIRED BY EACH STUDENT.**

**494.** The following list is so arranged that :—

Division I. contains all apparatus which is required only for the experiments given in Section I.

Division II. is apparatus required both for Section I. and for the Sections on Analysis.

Division III. is apparatus used only in Analysis.

Hence a student intending only to perform the experiments in Section I. will require the apparatus in Divisions I. and II. If he is omitting this portion and intends only to work through the Sections on Analysis, he must be furnished with the apparatus in Divisions II. and III. and will not require that in Division I.

*Note.*—Apparatus contained in large brackets [ ] is useful but not indispensable.

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**DIVISION I.** (See also the note at the end of this list.)

- 1 Wide-mouthed, stoppered, white glass gas jar ; about 24 oz. capacity, and 2 inches inside across the neck, whose upper edge should be ground so as to be closed with a ground glass plate.
- 1 Small flanged cylinder, 6 inches in height,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches internal diameter, ground at the edge.
- 1 Deflagrating spoon, brass cap  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across.
- 1 Small two-necked Woulffe's bottle, not less than 4 oz. capacity ; or a small wide-necked bottle of not less capacity.

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- 1 Small retort, best tubulated with stopper, about 4 to 6 oz. capacity.
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### DIVISION II.

- 6 Test-tubes, 5 or 6 inches long and from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter.

- 1 Test-tube cleaner.

- 2 Lengths of hard glass tubing, rather more than  $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch internal diameter.

- 1 Thistle funnel.

[1 Clock glass, about 4 inches across.]

- 2 Round ground-glass plates, 3 inches across.

- 2 Porcelain dishes, one  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across, one 3 inches across.

- 3 Watch glasses, about 2 inches across.

- 2 Small flasks, about 4 oz. capacity.

Red or black india-rubber tubing ;\* 1 piece 18 inches long and  $\frac{5}{16}$  inch internal diameter, 1 piece 6 inches long and  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch internal diameter.

- 1 Bunsen-burner\* with separate rose-top.

- 1 Small pestle and mortar.

- 1 Iron tripod stand.

- 1 Piece of wire gauze, 5 inches square.

- 1 Round file.

- 1 Triangular file.

- 1 Small set of cork-borers.

- 1 Small retort-stand, 12 inches in height, and fitted with 3 brass rings.
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### DIVISION III.

- 4 Glass funnels, two 2 inches across at the top, two  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches across at the top.

- 2 Tobacco-pipe cleaners, for cleaning glass tubes.
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\* The Bunsen-burner and gas-tubing may be fixtures on each working bench, and will not then be required for each student.

- 2 Boiling tubes, 6 or 7 inches long, from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch across.  
 1 Test-tube stand with at least 12 holes.  
 1 Nest of 3 or 4 small-sized beakers.  
 1 Length of glass rod.  
 1 Small porcelain crucible about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch across, and lid.  
 1 Strip of platinum-foil, 2 inches by 1 inch.  
 2 Pieces of platinum-wire,\* each  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 inches long.  
 1 Black's blowpipe.  
 1 Pipeclay triangle, 2 inches in the side.  
 1 Pair of brass crucible tongs.  
 1 Large flask for wash-bottle, 18 oz. capacity and from 1 to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch across the neck.  
 1 Wooden filtering-stand.  
 1 Tin filter-dryer.  
 1 Small wicker-basket for draining test-tubes and other glass and porcelain apparatus after they have been washed.  
 Little toilet-baskets, 12 inches in length by  $5\frac{1}{2}$  and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, serve well.

*Note.*—For the experiments with gases the student will also require:—  
 A pneumatic trough, or earthenware pan as a substitute for it (see Note, p. 8).

- A small piece of candle.  
 A wax taper, or slips of wood.  
 A few sound corks of such a size as to fit test-tubes or small flasks.

*Caution.*—In a laboratory where many students are working, it is best to mark at once each piece of apparatus with initials, number, or with some private mark, so as to be able to recognise it if mislaid. Glass, metal, or porcelain apparatus may be notched with the edge of the three-cornered file, or characters may be scratched upon it with the sharp points made by breaking off the tip of a three-cornered file. Wooden apparatus can be written upon with pen and ink, or scratched with the tip of a penknife.

\* Platinum-wire containing Ba is not uncommon in commerce: it is known by giving a persistent green colour to the Bunsen flame, and is useless for analytical purposes.

## APPARATUS FOR GENERAL USE.

**495.** The following apparatus need not be purchased by each student, but should be kept in constant readiness for general use :—

**496.** *An Indigo-prism.*—A hollow glass-prism having an extremely small angle at its extremity, with ground-glass stopper fitting water-tight into the neck, is purchased; this is to be very nearly filled with solution of indigo, and the stopper then tied in securely with fine copper wire. The indigo solution is made by diluting a solution of indigo in strong sulphuric acid, with water in a thin glass beaker or a porcelain dish until it has the required intensity of colour;\* the liquid is then allowed to stand for several days to give time for a sediment to form and settle completely, and when quite clear is decanted into the prism. In the thicker part of the prism the blue must be so intense as to arrest the passage of the light from a flame coloured yellow with a sodium compound, and to cause the potassium flame coloration to appear red.

**497.** *Several small slips of cobalt-glass.*—This glass is used for the same purpose as the indigo-prism, but the prism is to be preferred more especially for the examination for Sr.

**498.** *Set of cork-borers.*—These are used for perforating a cork into which a piece of glass tubing has to be inserted. Nests of borers containing three or four small sizes will be sufficient.

**499.** *Sulphuretted-hydrogen apparatus.*—It is highly advisable to employ a large apparatus which will supply the gas to all who are working in the laboratory. The use of a small private apparatus by each student, not only causes unnecessary waste of materials and time, but vitiates the air of the laboratory whilst it is being washed out.

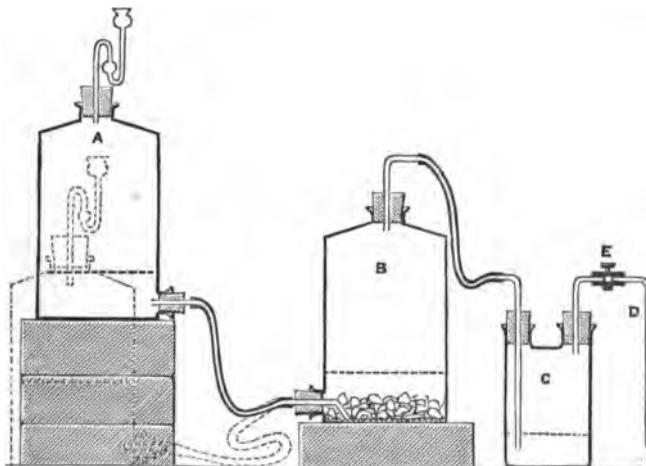
Many forms of apparatus have been devised to supply the gas in a constant stream; probably the following, the sim-

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\* The addition of the indigo solution to 10 times its measure of water will usually give the required shade.

plicity, efficiency, and cheapness of which render it very satisfactory, will be found the most generally useful.

FIG. 39.



*Note.*—The level of the liquids in the vessels is shown by dotted lines; the vessel A when lowered from its stand is also shown in dotted outline. The whole is drawn in section.

**500. Sulphuretted-hydrogen apparatus.**—Two large bottles, A and B, with wide necks and tubulures near the bottom, and of at least two quarts capacity, are fitted as shown in section in figure 39.\* India-rubber stoppers should be used instead of corks, as the latter soon become sodden with acid and rotten, and also lose their elasticity and permit leakage. Into B (after laying it upon its side to prevent breaking the bottom) is placed a quantity of small pebbles or broken glass, sufficient to form a layer about half an inch deep; upon this is dropped the ferrous sulphide in lumps: the cork is then inserted, the clamp at E being closed. The glass tube fixed in the lower tubulure of B should be bent downwards, so that its end nearly touches the bottom of the vessel. This

\* This apparatus may be purchased completely fitted from Messrs Mottershead of Manchester and from most apparatus sellers.

drains the acid out of B to the lowest possible level when A is lowered. Strong commercial hydrochloric acid \* is poured into A, then an equal bulk of water is added, and the liquids are well mixed by shaking the vessel.

When the gas is required, the vessel A is raised by being placed on a stand of suitable height, the acid runs into B, generates the gas by acting on the ferrous sulphide, and by the pressure of the liquid in A this gas is forced through a little water in the washing-bottle C, and thence through a bent tube at D into the liquid which is to be saturated with sulphuretted hydrogen.

When the flow of the gas is to be stopped a small screw-clamp on the india-rubber joint at E is tightened: by proper management of this screw-clamp the stream of gas can be either totally arrested or controlled to any required extent: this clamp must always be so regulated as to permit of as little waste of gas as possible whilst using the apparatus.

During working hours the vessel A should be kept raised, as shown in the figure; when laboratory work ceases it should be lowered to the position shown in dotted outline. The vessel B is always kept slightly raised by being placed on a wooden block or some bricks, so as to encourage the flow of the last portions of acid out of it into A when A is lowered. When the acid is spent, it is easily poured out of A and replaced by fresh: lumps of ferrous sulphide are added as required through the neck of B. The removal of the spent acid and the cleansing of the apparatus should be performed in the open air, or at a sink in a cupboard provided with a good draught.

The neck of A should be kept stopped with a cork carrying a bent funnel whose bend is filled with oil or glycerine; this lessens the escape of gas dissolved in the acid, and tends to prevent the apparatus from causing a smell. If several students require to use the gas at the same time, the broad

\*  $H_2SO_4$  does not answer for this purpose as well as HCl, since  $FeSO_4$  is apt to crystallise in the apparatus, impeding or preventing the action of the acid and its flow through the connecting tube.

stopper of B is perforated and fitted with additional tubes and wash-bottles, or a system of distributing pipes or T-pieces connected with the tube from the cork in B may be employed.

FIG. 40.

An apparatus for private use may be fitted as shown in fig. 40. The larger bottle contains pieces of ferrous sulphide upon which HCl, diluted with an equal measure of water, is poured through the thistle-funnel : the gas bubbles through a little water in the smaller bottle, and thence into the solution required to be saturated.

The sulphuretted hydrogen apparatus should stand in a cupboard with a glass front and small doors: the cupboard must be furnished with a flue in which a strong draught is created by an argand or ring gas-burner, made of fire-clay or steatite and not of metal; if the cupboard doors are kept closed as much as possible, and students when using the gas are careful to avoid allowing its unnecessary escape, the atmosphere of the laboratory may be kept tolerably free from this badly smelling gas. The cupboard should have within it a drain into which are emptied the spent acid and washings of the apparatus.

*500 a. Passing sulphuretted hydrogen into a liquid.*—Each student must keep a bent glass tube (D, figs. 39 and 40), made according to the directions in par. 9: when the gas has to be passed into a liquid, the shorter end of this tube is fitted into the india-rubber joint E, and the other end is passed to the bottom of the liquid; on slightly opening the clamp E, a stream of the gas will bubble up through the liquid and may be regulated by the clamp; when the gas has passed for about five minutes the liquid will generally be saturated; if this is the case it will smell of the gas strongly after the air above the liquid has been blown out of the vessel and the vessel has been well shaken. Great care must be taken to close the clamp at E completely when the gas is stopped.



The tube D must be thoroughly cleansed after use, employing a tobacco-pipe cleaner if necessary for its inside.

**501. A small agate pestle and mortar** (fig. 32, p. 57).—This is required for powdering very hard substances, more particularly minerals. The substance must have been already broken into small fragments, and these are then crushed to powder by pressure and “trituration,”\* until a powder is produced in which no particles or grains are felt when it is pressed or rubbed with the pestle or the finger; such a powder is commonly termed an “impalpable powder.”

**Caution.**—On no account must a substance be broken by placing it in the mortar and striking it blows with the pestle, as this is very liable to cause the fracture of the mortar.

**502. Several small leaden cups or a platinum crucible** should be kept in readiness for testing F by paragraph (295) or (296). The leaden cups are easily made by beating out thick sheet-lead into the required shape, the mouth being of such a size as to be readily covered by a watch-glass; the small leaden inkpots often employed in school-desks serve well for this purpose.

**503. A steam oven.**—This is a small oven of sheet-copper,

FIG. 41.



heated to the temperature of boiling water ( $100^{\circ}$  C.) by water contained in the space between the exterior of the oven and a copper casing which surrounds it (fig. 41): the outer casing

\* Rubbing round and round under the pestle.

often has a circular opening cut in the top, covered by a lid when not in use, which serves as a water-bath (504). The level of water in the jacket is maintained constant by a little contrivance shown in section at *c*: a small reservoir communicating by a lateral tube with the space between the oven and its jacket is constantly replenished by water which drops into it from the supply tube (*d*), the overflow of this reservoir is a tube rising in its centre whose end terminates inside above the level of the lateral tube. The outlet for steam (*f*) may be turned downwards, so that any water formed by the condensation of the steam drops into the reservoir (*c*), or it may be made to communicate with the worm of the still (506), the escape steam being thus condensed into distilled water. Distilled water should always be supplied to the steam-oven, as this prevents the formation of a troublesome incrustation in the interior; and since the above arrangement, which is all that can be desired when tap-water is supplied, would occasion much waste of distilled water, a better plan of supplying the oven is to place a vessel of distilled water beside the oven and connect them with a siphon, having a bulb or vertical closed tube at its bend, to prevent the air boiled out from the water from stopping the action of the siphon.

The steam-oven is employed to drive off the moisture from solid substances which require to be dried at a gentle heat.

**504** *Several copper water-baths.*—The water-bath consists of a hemispherical copper dish with its edges turned over inwards; a series of flat copper rings of gradually diminishing diameters are made to rest upon the edges of the bath and upon one another's edges, so that the opening at the top can be made as small as may be desired. The bath is about two-thirds filled with water, and is heated on a tripod-stand until the water boils, the excess of steam escaping by a small hole made just below the edge of the bath: the flame should be so regulated that the water is kept boiling quietly. A small-sized saucepan is a homely substitute for the copper water-bath.

Any liquid requiring to be evaporated at a gentle heat is

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placed in an evaporating basin upon this bath, its temperature during evaporation cannot then exceed the temperature of boiling water ( $100^{\circ}$  C.).

The top of the water-oven is frequently made to serve as a water-bath, see (503). If the water-bath requires to be used for any considerable length of time, it may be supplied with water in the same way as the steam-oven (503).

**504 a.** The following cheap and simple device serves the purpose of both water-bath and steam-oven on a small scale. Two circular plates of sheet zinc are obtained,\* about four inches in diameter, so as to cover the larger-sized porcelain dishes used by each student: in one of these a circular hole concentric with the edge of the plate and two and three-quarters inches in diameter is cut, in the other a similar hole is made one and a-half inches across. These covers when placed on one of the larger porcelain dishes, nearly filled with water and boiled by a lamp, convert it into a water-bath, a small dish containing the liquid to be evaporated being supported in the hole of the plates: small quantities of liquid may be evaporated or solid substances may be dried by placing them on a watch-glass supported on the smaller perforated plate.

In a large laboratory, however, steam-ovens and water-baths are usually kept constantly heated by steam or boiling water, and are used in common by all students. The steam from a large water-bath may advantageously be condensed to distilled water by connecting the escape-pipe of the bath with a long tube of the still-worm.

**505.** *Several small tubulated flasks.*—The small flask shown in fig. 38 (p. 132) is very convenient for the reactions described in pars. 260, 264, and 273. It is perhaps the form of apparatus best suited for the test for a chloride described in (260), because the  $K_2Cr_2O_7$  powder is not introduced through the same tube as the  $CrO_2Cl_2$  escapes by, and the risk of the mixture in the flask spitting into the delivery tube is rendered very small. Its neck should be closed by an india-rubber or glass stopper.

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\* Any working tinman will make them to order.

### DISTILLATION OF WATER.

As has been already shown (Exp. 31, p. 24), water ordinarily contains certain solid substances dissolved in it which render it in a chemical sense impure ; such water is therefore unfit to be employed for the processes of solution and washing, since any impurity thus introduced into a substance during analysis would be considered when detected to have been present in the original substance. The quantity of these impurities present in any particular water-supply will depend upon the nature of the soil with which the water has been in contact previous to its collection. The water supplied in some districts will be found when subjected to the tests given in [(526) Remark 41] to be almost perfectly pure ; carefully collected rain-water will invariably yield no indication of dissolved impurity ; the water supplied to the majority of laboratories will, however, be found to be unfit for analytical purposes, until it has been freed from the solid substances dissolved in it by being subjected to the process of distillation.

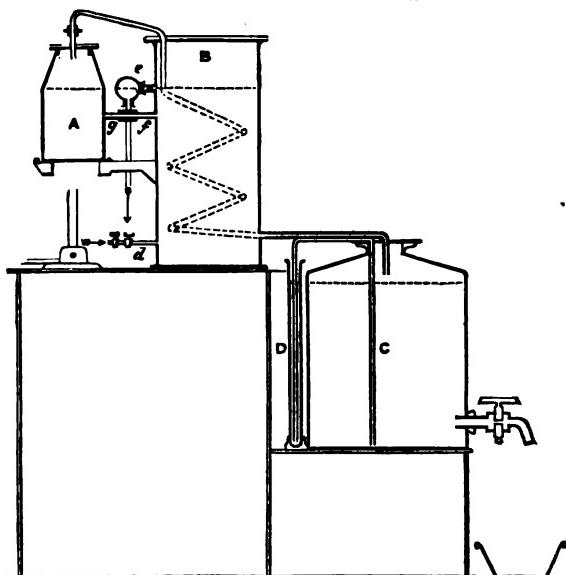
In most towns distilled water can be purchased, but it is preferable to distil in the laboratory or its immediate neighbourhood all the water required for use. For this purpose the steam obtained either from a steam-boiler or from a copper-still heated by a furnace or gas-burner, or from the water-baths and steam-ovens in the laboratory, is condensed by a tin worm-pipe immersed in a tub through which a constant stream of cold water runs.

**506.** The following constant apparatus has proved most serviceable in the author's laboratory, and may be used wherever gas and water are laid on in a suitable way. Its advantage lies in the fact that the still is constantly supplied with the hottest portion of the water from the condenser through a lateral tube. When the apparatus has been properly fitted up and the supply adjusted, it requires no attention whatever except lighting and extinguishing the gas under the still, and turning the water supply on and off when distillation is

started and stopped: it is advisable occasionally to remove from the interior of the still, and the supply-tube connecting it with the condensing vessel, the deposit which accumulates by evaporation of the water.

The accompanying sketch (fig. 42) renders a lengthened description of the apparatus unnecessary: it represents the apparatus in section. A copper-still (A) is heated by the flame of a large-sized Bunsen-burner or by a ring gas-burner, the steam passing off from the top of the still through a tin tube bent into a spiral form in the condensing-tub (B) which is

FIG. 42.



made of galvanised iron; from this condenser the distilled water flows into a large stoneware vessel (C), with a tap below from which the water is drawn when required. A long siphon-tube (D) serves as a gauge. The condensing-tub (B) has three tubes let into the side facing the still; one of these (*d*), placed about an inch above the bottom of the vessel, is the

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inlet for cold water from a cistern whose water level must be higher than that maintained in A and B; this level is marked by the single dotted line, and is kept constant by the overflow-tube *e*, which is connected with a pipe leading to a sink or drain. Just below this overflow-tube is a short tube (*f*), which is on a level with another (*g*), opening into the side of the still; by connecting these two tubes with an india-rubber joint, a supply of warm water from the upper part of the condenser is furnished to the still, keeping the level of water in it constant: a small glass jet drawn out from a piece of glass tubing is fitted into this connecting-tube, and has been found sufficient to prevent a too free circulation of water between the still and condenser. This still is supported on an iron ring, projecting as a bracket from the condenser. By having two taps in the inlet-tube (*d*), or by using two clamps on the india-rubber joint which connects it with the supply-pipe from the cistern, much time is economised, as the flow of water may be regulated once for all by one tap or clamp, the other being used only for stopping and starting the stream. The copper-still should be furnished with a lid screwing upon its mouth, for convenience in removing the deposit which collects within, and into this lid should be fastened a brass tube carrying a screw-union by which the tin condensing-pipe may be fastened steam-tight to the still. The wooden stand for the still and storing jar is conveniently fitted with shelves and doors to serve as a cupboard.

For tests of purity see Remark 41 (526).

Such a copper-still, 23 inches in circumference below and 8 inches in height, when filled to a height of 4 inches and heated by the largest-sized Bunsen-burner, yields 2 litres of distilled water per hour.

### RECOVERY OF THE METALS FROM SILVER AND PLATINUM RESIDUES.

When  $\text{AgNO}_3$  or  $\text{PtCl}_4$  has been added to a solution the liquid is not to be thrown into the sink.

**507. Silver Residues.**—If  $\text{AgNO}_3$  has been added to a liquid it must be emptied into a vessel \* labelled "Silver Residues," containing strong HCl which precipitates AgCl. When the vessel is full the AgCl is allowed to settle, and the liquid decanted from the AgCl; more HCl is then poured in, and the vessel is again ready for use. When a sufficiently large quantity of AgCl has been formed, let it settle, decant off the liquid, and wash the precipitate well by decantation; pour it upon a filter, and dry upon the filter. One of the two following methods may then be employed to obtain metallic Ag from the AgCl:—

1. Mix the AgCl with twice its weight of a mixture in equal proportions by weight of  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; place this in a clay crucible of such a size that the mixture only half fills it, and heat in a furnace until the mass becomes liquid; maintain it in a fused condition for about five or ten minutes, remove the crucible, and tap its bottom several times gently upon a brick to cause the fused particles of Ag to unite. Allow the crucible to cool, break it up, and wash the button of Ag, which will be found at the bottom, until it is quite free from adhering salts.

This button is then dissolved by heating it in a flask with pure strong  $\text{HNO}_3$ , previously diluted with about half its measure of water; the solution is evaporated to dryness, the residue dissolved in a little water and once more evaporated to complete dryness. This  $\text{AgNO}_3$  is then dissolved in the right proportion of water to furnish reagent No. 48 (par. 525).

2. A readier method for decomposing the AgCl consists in placing it in a dish with a little water acidified with dilute

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\* Most conveniently a large bottle, with a funnel in its neck.

$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and laying upon the  $\text{AgCl}$  some strips of Zn free from Pb; after some hours the Ag will be separated as a black spongy mass. This is well washed by decantation with hot dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and then washed also by decantation with boiling distilled water till free from the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ; the Ag is dissolved in  $\text{HNO}_3$  as directed in the first process, the solution evaporated to dryness, and the  $\text{AgNO}_3$  used for preparing the reagent. Any residue insoluble in  $\text{HNO}_3$  will be unreduced  $\text{AgCl}$ ; this may be filtered off and added to the silver residues for subsequent reduction.

**508. Platinum Residues.**—Liquids to which  $\text{PtCl}_4$  has been added are poured into a vessel\* labelled “Platinum Residues;” when a sufficient quantity has been obtained the liquid and precipitate are poured into a porcelain dish, evaporated to dryness, and heated strongly for some time; as soon as the dish is cool the residue is boiled with water, which is decanted, and upon the residue some solution of oxalic acid is poured; this is evaporated to dryness and the residue strongly ignited. The residue of metallic Pt is once more washed with boiling water, and is then dissolved by heating it with HCl to which one-third its measure of  $\text{HNO}_3$  has been added; the solution is evaporated to dryness, the last part of the process being performed over a water-bath. HCl is then poured in, and it is once more evaporated to dryness and heated for some time on the water-bath; this residue when dissolved in water forms the reagent No. 28 (525).

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\* Conveniently a large glass bottle, with a funnel in its neck.

**DIRECTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF REAGENTS.**

*Note.*—The reagents required for chemical analysis are much more readily obtained at the present time than they were in former years. They can usually be purchased in a pure state, and therefore processes of preparation, which formerly of necessity occupied a large portion of Manuals of Practical Chemistry, are here omitted. It will be found usually more economical to purchase pure chemicals than to prepare them.

**509.** Many reagents are required in a dissolved or diluted state; it is a matter of much importance that these solutions should be made of a proper strength, and that the methods of preparing them should be as rapid and simple as possible.

The strength of the solutions is chosen somewhat arbitrarily; indeed, the strength of a solution may be varied with advantage according to the different purposes for which the reagent is to be employed. It is found, however, that practically a solution of one strength may usually be made to serve all analytical purposes. The proportions of liquid or solid to be mixed with or dissolved in a certain quantity of water, which are given hereafter, are those (or very nearly those) recommended in standard works on analysis. It is not intended, however, to assert that they are for *all* purposes the best, but merely that they are practically useful.

**510.** A good and economical store bottle for liquid reagents is the "Winchester Quart" bottle, a stock of which generally accumulates in a laboratory, being continually introduced filled with strong acids. The following methods of filling these have been found simple and easy of execution.

The process of preparing solutions divides itself naturally into the "dilution of liquids" (511), and the "solution of solids" (512).

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**511. DILUTION OF LIQUIDS.**

In the following lists the proportions by measure are stated in which the liquid and distilled water are to be mixed; these preparations are roughly, but sufficiently accurately,

obtained by measuring with a foot-rule the height of the bottle outside from the bottom to the projecting ridge at the shoulder, then dividing this height in the required proportions, and marking the point of division by a line scratched upon the bottle with a three-cornered file. Thus dilute HCl (No. 2, 524) is made by mixing strong HCl with three times its measure of water; supposing, then, the measured height of the "Winchester" to the shoulder to be 8 inches, a file mark is made 2 inches from the bottom, and on filling the bottle to this mark with strong HCl, then up to the shoulder with distilled water, stoppering and shaking up, a dilute acid of the required strength is obtained. This method serves for numbers 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 (524). For the preparation of No. 1 see column of remarks in the same paragraph.

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### 512. SOLUTION OF SOLIDS.

For dissolving solids two methods are here described; the former (514) is useful when the solution has to be rapidly prepared, the latter (515) requires less attention and may be used when the solution is not required at once.

513. *Note.*—Against each reagent prepared from a solid there is placed, in paragraph (524) a number, signifying the number of grams (see Weights and Measures, 560 *et seq.*) to be dissolved in 1 Winchester quart of water, and in all the lists will be found the proportion by weight of solid to water. The former number is obtained from the proportion stated in the next column, by considering that an average-sized "Winchester," filled an inch above the ridge round its shoulder, holds about 2400 c.c., and since each c.c. (see Weights and Measures, 560 *et seq.*) of water weighs approximately one gram, we have at once the weight of water (2400 grams) contained in the bottle, from knowing its capacity;\* and the weight of water being known, the weight of solid to be dissolved in it is readily calculated from the proportion given.

Thus the proper strength of AmCl solution (No. 5, 524) is 1 of solid AmCl dissolved in 8 of water, as shown in the fifth column, or a given

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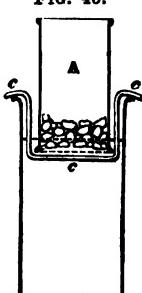
\* This method may also be employed when smaller quantities of the reagent are to be prepared. Measure the number of c.c. required, count the number as grams, and calculate the proportion of solid required as above.

weight of water must have dissolved in it 1-8th its weight of AmCl; since a "Winchester" holds 2400 grams of water, we must then dissolve  $\frac{2400}{8} = 300$  grams of AmCl in it, to obtain a solution of proper strength.

**514.** Weigh out the required quantity of the solid substance, dissolve by heating it with distilled water in a large-sized porcelain dish placed on a tripod-stand over a rose-burner; this solution would often crystallise on cooling, hence it should be at once poured into some cold distilled water contained in a large beaker marked to show the quantity of liquid required to fill the "Winchester." Whilst pouring off the liquid press a wet glass rod, held vertically, against the lip of the dish, and let the bottom of the dish touch the inside of the top of the beaker. These precautions will, with proper care, prevent the liquid from running down outside the beaker. Dilute this up to the "Winchester" mark with distilled water, stir well, and if turbid let stand covered from dust until clear; then pour off into the store bottle, carefully leaving the sediment behind. If the liquid is wanted in haste, it may be filtered into the bottle. The coarse brown French filter paper is useful for this purpose, being strong and porous. It is best to filter the liquid before diluting it to the full extent, as the quantity to be passed through the filter is thus lessened and time economised.

The above method is of general application in the solution of solids.

FIG. 48.



**515. II.**—The following method is advantageous, because the process of solution once started proceeds continuously without further attention. It depends on the fact that the specific gravity of water becomes higher the greater the quantity of solid dissolved in it; hence if the solid is immersed in the water, and supported near the surface, a circulation of the liquid is produced by the constant sinking of the water which has been in contact with the solid and by dissolving some of it has increased in specific gravity, this being replaced by the comparatively lighter liquid

from below. This circulation of water over the solid, gradually dissolves it without the use of heat, and without requiring any attention after the process has once been started.

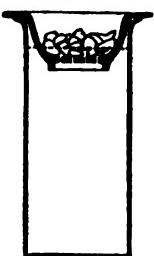
A glass cylinder (A, fig. 43) open at both ends, has one end covered with a piece of muslin (shown by a fine dotted line), which is fastened on by an india-rubber ring, embracing its edges : this cylinder, with a muslin bottom, is supported in a large beaker by means of two pieces of glass rod or tube, bent as shown at *c c c*; the cylinder stands at such a height that the muslin bottom is about two inches below the mark made on the beaker to show the Winchester-quart measure. Distilled water is then poured into the beaker until it buries the muslin to the depth of about half an inch ; the weighed substance, best in small pieces, is placed in the cylinder, and the whole allowed to stand until the solid has been dissolved : with large quantities of substance this will usually require several hours, with smaller quantities about twenty minutes or half an hour.

The processes of solution and filtration are performed simultaneously by laying a piece of filter-paper upon the muslin before fastening it on the cylinder ; the filter-paper will retard the process, but the coarse grey kind referred to above will do so the least.

Perhaps the most advantageous way of using this process, especially for dissolving large quantities of substance, is to start it over night ; the solution will then be completed by the morning. In this case the filter-paper will be unnecessary, as any fine particles which have passed through the muslin will have settled, and the liquid can be decanted from them.

It must be borne in mind that the solution of many salts in water, especially such salts as contain water of crystallisation, increases the volume of the water ; hence the quantity of water placed in the beaker must be less than the Winchester-quart measure, and the liquid is made up to the required volume, if necessary, after solution has been effected.

FIG. 43 a.



As a convenient substitute for the glass cylinder, A, with muslin bottom, an earthenware colander may be employed (fig. 43 a), filtration being effected when necessary by laying a piece of filter-paper inside the colander before placing in it the fragments of the substance. Should the beaker be able to contain more than the Winchester-quart of water, a stoppered bottle of suitable size may be immersed in it to raise the water-level sufficiently to reach the substance.

#### PREPARATION OF SOLUTIONS REQUIRED FOR TRYING THE REACTIONS OF METALS AND ACID-RADICLES, SECTION IV.

**516.** The solutions required for trying these reactions should be prepared of a strength suited to yield them in a characteristic manner; it is therefore advisable that solutions of the requisite strength should be kept in readiness, since if the student has to dissolve some of the solid substance himself, he is liable not to obtain satisfactory results, either because his solution is made inconveniently strong, or because it is in a too diluted state. The plan of keeping these solutions in stock is also recommended by the consideration that it economises the student's time, and tends to prevent waste of chemicals.

**517.** In paragraphs (529) and (530) are lists of the solutions which are required for the complete series of reactions in Section IV.: the first column gives the number, the second the name, and the third the formula of each substance; in the fourth is stated the number of grams which are to be dissolved in one Winchester-quart of water or acid; in the fifth column the proportion by weight of solid to water, from which the number in column 4 was derived; and in the sixth column will be found special remarks relating to the preparation of particular solutions. The general methods of preparing solutions have already been given in paragraphs (514) and (515).

Pure solid chemicals are almost invariably sold in the crystalline condition, since they have been as a rule purified by the process of crystallisation. The weights given below are therefore weights of the crystalline substance; in a few cases the substance was weighed in the uncryalline condition—these are marked by an (a) placed after the name in the first column, signifying "amorphous." Directions for labelling the store-bottles of these solutions will be found in paragraphs (522) and (523).

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#### LIST OF THE REAGENTS.

**518.** Paragraphs (524), (525), and (526), contain lists of the reagents, solid and in solution, which should be kept in readiness in the laboratory; they are dissolved in distilled water unless it is otherwise stated.

The reagents are here divided into two classes. The first (524) being in constant use and comparatively inexpensive, should be contained in small bottles placed above each working bench, or there should be at least one complete set for the use of two students. The second class (525, 526) are less frequently required, or are of a more costly nature, and one set may be placed in an accessible part of the laboratory for the use of many students.

**519.** Each reagent is numbered in the following lists; this number is a convenient means of reference and also serves to keep the reagent bottles always standing in the same order, which much facilitates finding any bottle when wanted; the student is strongly recommended to keep his bottles arranged in the order indicated by these numbers. The full name and chemical formula accompany each number, and every label in the laboratory should carry legibly the number, name, and formula of the reagent it contains.

**520.** In the last column of each list are placed remarks as to the preparation and the condition of the reagent. The numbers found in the last column but one, express the strength of the solution of the reagent if a liquid, by stating the

proportion of the strong liquid or solid (as purchased) to the water with which it is mixed or in which it is dissolved, the proportion being expressed as a ratio in which the water always stands last; in the case of liquids the numbers express proportion by measure (m.), in the case of solids the proportion by weight (w.). A number is also placed in the fourth column opposite each reagent prepared by dissolving a solid substance, which denotes the weight in grammes of the solid to be dissolved in a Winchester-quart bottle of water.

Thus, No. 2 (524), hydrochloric acid, is prepared by mixing strong HCl with 3 times its measure of distilled water. No. 5, ammonium chloride is made by dissolving solid AmCl in 8 times its weight of water, or by dissolving 300 grammes of solid AmCl in one Winchester-quart of water. Full descriptions are given in paragraphs (511), (514), and (515), of the methods used for making these solutions.

**521.** The special reagents which stand on shelves above the bench are kept in small bottles, the solids (Nos. 18-21, paragraph 524) in 4 or 6 oz. wide-mouthed stoppered bottles which are filled when necessary from the store jars (stone-ware jars with ground clasp-covers),\* the liquids (Nos. 1-17, par. 524) in narrow-necked 4 or 6 oz. bottles supplied from the Winchester-quart bottles in which the store solutions are kept. The general reagents (525, 526) should be kept in bottles of not less than 12 oz. capacity.

**522. Labelling.**—Bottles intended to contain strong acids or alkalis should have labels etched upon the glass, such bottles are easily purchased; an ordinary paper label, however, protected by paraffin varnish, which is applied according to the directions given below (523), will last for a considerable length of time.

The paper-labels required for reagents and store bottles are most conveniently kept ready gummed in the form of sheets either separate or stitched together into the form of a book. They must be stored in a dry place. They should, as was

\* Powdered solids are conveniently removed from large store-jars by means of wooden spoons.

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mentioned in (519), bear in bold legible type at least the full name and formula of the substance, the number, if not already printed, being written upon each.\* Great care should be bestowed on making the moistened label adhere over its whole surface by gentle pressure with a clean cloth.

**523. Varnishing labels.**—It is advisable to varnish each label, which is intended to be permanent, as soon as it is perfectly dry; the label is thus protected against being soiled or wetted. The ordinary process consists in first sizing the label by brushing over it a solution of isinglass in water, and then, as soon as this has perfectly dried, applying a thin coat of label varnish; the bottle must not be used until this varnish is quite hard.

A much more simple process of varnishing consists in melting some solid paraffin, which must not be heated so strongly as to cause it to emit vapour, and brushing this rapidly over the dry label with an ordinary varnishing brush; a little practice will soon enable one to apply a uniform film which does not soak into the paper, hardens immediately, and resists the action of water, acids, and alkalis. The chief precaution to be observed is to heat the paraffin as little as possible above its melting point, as, if it is too hot, it greases the paper.

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\* A book of labels ("A Series of Chemical Labels for use in Laboratories") is sold by Messrs Mottershead, of Manchester, which contains the name of each substance in full, printed in clear type, space being left to insert formula and number.

Messrs Mottershead also supply gummed sheets of labels, printed specially for use with this book, containing all the numbers, names, and formulæ in the lists in pars. 524, 525, 526, 529, 530, 531, and 532.

## 524.—REAGENTS REQUIRE

Reference number.	Name. [The numbers in brackets refer to remarks correspondingly numbered in the sixth column.]	Formula.
Liquids.		
1.	Sulphuric acid (1), . . . . .	$H_2SO_4$ . . . . .
2. . .	Hydrochloric acid (2), . . . . .	$HCl$ . . . . .
3. . .	Nitric acid (3), . . . . .	$HNO_3$ . . . . .
4. . .	Acetic acid (4), . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} HA, \text{ or} \\ HC_2H_3O_2 \end{array} \right\} . . . . .$
5. . .	Ammonium chloride (5), . . . . .	$NH_4Cl$ . . . . .
6. . .	Ammonia, or Ammonium hydrate (6), . . . . .	$NH_4HO$ . . . . .
7. . .	Ammonium sulphide (7), . . . . .	$(NH_4)_2S$ . . . . .
8. . .	Ammonium carbonate (8), . . . . .	$(NH_4)_2CO_3$ . . . . .
9. . .	Ammonium oxalate, . . . . .	$(NH_4)_2C_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ . . . . .
10. . .	Potash, or Potassium hydrate, . . . . .	$KHO$ . . . . .
11. . .	Potassium chromate, . . . . .	$K_2CrO_4$ . . . . .
12. . .	Potassium ferrocyanide, . . . . .	$K_4Fe(CN)_6 \cdot 3H_2O$ . . . . .
13. . .	Potassium ferricyanide (9), . . . . .	$K_3Fe(Cy)_2$ . . . . .
14. . .	*Sodium phosphate (10), or Hydric disodic phosphate, or Hydrogen disodium phosphate, . . . . .	$Na_2HPO_4 \cdot 12H_2O$ . . . . .
15. . .	Sodium carbonate (11), . . . . .	$Na_2CO_3 \cdot 10H_2O$ . . . . .
16. . .	Calcium sulphate (12), . . . . .	$CaSO_4$ . . . . .
17. . .	Barium chloride, . . . . .	$BaCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ . . . . .
Solids.		
18. . .	Sodium carbonate (13) . . . . .	$Na_2CO_3$ . . . . .
19. . .	Borax (14), . . . . .	$Na_2B_4O_7$ . . . . .
20. . .	Potassium chlorate (15), . . . . .	$KClO_3$ . . . . .
21. . .	Test-papers (16), . . . . .	

\* Hydrogen sodium ammonium phosphate  $(NaAmHPO_4)_4$  solution serves better for the above for  $NaHPO_4$ .

## FOR EACH BENCH.

Weight of solid in grams to be dissolved in one "Winchester" of water.	Proportion of solid by weight (w.) and liquid by measure (m.) to water.	Remarks. [The small numbers refer to corresponding numbers in the second column.]
— . .	1 : 5 m.	1. The strong pure $H_2SO_4$ must be poured in the proper proportion into the water contained in a large thin beaker or an earthen jar, constantly stirring the water all the time: the right proportions are obtained by measurement of the height of the vessel (511). The hot liquid is cooled by immersing the vessel in cold water, and is then poured into the store bottle. If the acid is pure, no white precipitate ( $PbSO_4$ ) forms on dilution.
— . .	1 : 3 "	2. Must be colourless, and give after dilution no precipitate with either $BaCl_2$ or $H_2S$ .
— . .	1 : 3 "	3. Must give no precipitate, after dilution, with $BaCl_2$ or $AgNO_3$ added to separate portions.
— . .	2 : 1 "	4. Must give no precipitate with $BaCl_2$ .
300 . .	1 : 8 w.	5. Must give no precipitate, or coloration with $Am_2S$ .
— . .	1 : 3 m.	6. Must give only a very slight precipitate with lime-water, no coloration with $Am_2S$ , and separate portions acidified with $HNO_3$ must give no precipitates with $BaCl_2$ and $AgNO_3$ . The "Liquor ammoniae fortissima" is purchased of 880° specific gravity.
500 . .	1 : 5 w.	7. Must be yellow, and give with acids $H_2S$ and a white precipitate of S; it must give no precipitate with solutions of Ca- or Mg-salts.
100 . .	1 : 24 "	8. The solid $Am_2CO_3$ is dissolved by being heated with water in a porcelain dish (514): in diluting, one-fourth of the "Winchester" must be filled with strong $AmHO$ .
200 . .	1 : 12 "	9. Must give no blue precipitate with $Fe_2Cl_4$ solution.
200 . .	1 : 12 "	10. Must yield no precipitate with $AmHO$ .
200 . .	1 : 12 "	11. The crystallised salt.
600 (saturated solution.) . .	1 : 4 "	12. See (527).
200 . .	—	13. Dry, finely-powdered solid. It must, after having been dissolved in excess of $HNO_3$ , give no precipitate with $BaCl_2$ or $AgNO_3$ , or $AmHMoO_4$ (277), and if evaporated with excess of HCl must leave no residue insoluble in dilute HCl (290 a).
	1 : 12 "	14. The borax is best dried by heating in a platinum or porcelain dish until after melting it has again become solid; this solid mass is then finely powdered in a mortar and kept in a stoppered bottle.
		15. In small crystals.
		16. Red and blue litmus papers and turmeric paper in small strips.

precipitation of Mg than does  $Na_2HPO_4$  solution: it is prepared of the strength given

## 525.—REAGENTS FOR GENERAL USE,

*Note.*—Except in large laboratories it will be unnecessary to keep these contained in the laboratory, may be made up to the right strength as soon as column 4.

Reference number.	Name. [The small numbers in brackets refer to remarks correspondingly numbered in the fifth column.]	Formula.
25. .	Sulphuric acid (17), . . . . .	$H_2SO_4$ . . .
26. . .	Hydrochloric acid (2),* . . . . .	$HCl$ . . . . .
27. . .	Nitric acid (3),* . . . . .	$HNO_3$ . . . . .
28. . .	† Platinum chloride, . . . . .	$PtCl_4$ . . . . .
29. . .	Alcohol, Rectified spirit (18), . . . . .	$C_2H_5O$ . . . . .
30. . .	Tartaric acid (19), . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_2T_2 \\ H_2C_4H_4O_6 \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
31. . .	Acid sodium tartrate, Hydric sodic tartrate (20) . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} NaHT, H_2O \\ NaHC_4H_4O_6H_2O \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
32. . .	Slaked lime (21), . . . . .	$Ca(OH)_2$ . . . . .
33. . .	Acetic acid (4),* . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} HA \\ HC_2H_4O_2 \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
34. . .	Cobalt nitrate (22), . . . . .	$Co(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ . . . . .
35. . .	Hydrofluoric acid (23), . . . . .	$H_2SiF_6$ . . . . .
36. . .	Sulphuretted hydrogen solution, } (24), . . . . .	$H_2S$ -solution . . . . .
	Hydrogen sulphide } (24), . . . . .	
37. . .	Oxalic acid, . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_2O \cdot 2H_2O \\ H_2C_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
38. . .	Potassium sulphocyanide, . . . . .	$KCyS$ . . . . .
39. . .	Potassium nitrate, . . . . .	$KNO_3$ . . . . .
40. . .	Lead acetate (25), . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} PbA \cdot 3H_2O \\ Pb(C_2H_3O_2)_2 \cdot 3H_2O \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
41. . .	Sodium acetate, . . . . .	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} NaA \cdot 3H_2O \\ NaC_2H_3O_2 \cdot 3H_2O \end{array} \right\}$ . . . . .
42. . .	Potassium cyanide (26) . . . . .	$KCy$ . . . . .
43. . .	Sodium hypochlorite (27), . . . . .	$KCN$ . . . . .
44. . .	Stannous chloride (28), . . . . .	$Na_2Cl_2O$ . . . . .
45. . .	Copper (29), . . . . .	$NaClO \cdot NaCl$ . . . . .
46. . .	Zinc (30), . . . . .	$SnCl_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ . . . . .
47. . .	Steel (31), . . . . .	$Cu$ . . . . .
48. . .	Silver nitrate, . . . . .	$Zn$ . . . . .
49. . .	Sulphurous acid, . . . . .	$Fe$ . . . . .
50. . .	Copper sulphate, . . . . .	$AgNO_3$ . . . . .
51. . .	Magnesium sulphate, . . . . .	$H_2SO_4$ . . . . .
52. . .	Mercuric chloride, . . . . .	$CuSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$ . . . . .
53. . .	Gold Chloride, . . . . .	$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$ . . . . .
		$HgCl_2$ . . . . .
		$AuCl_3$ . . . . .

\* See last column on the preceding page.

† Must be used in very small quantity only, being an expensive reagent.

## THE DETECTION OF METALS.

ents in store in quantity. The 12 oz. or 14 oz. bottles in which they are are empty, by calculation (513) from the proportion stated below in

portion by weight of solid to water.	Remarks. [The numbers in this column refer to those in brackets in the second column.]
. Strong pure.	17. Must be colourless and form no brown ring when poured below some $\text{FeSO}_4$ solution (247).
... " "	18. Strong rectified spirit (methylated), which must leave no residue on evaporation.
... 1 : 30. "	19. The solution should be mixed immediately after preparation with several drops of carbolic acid to prevent a vegetable growth forming in it.
... Strong.	20. Dissolve 10 grams of $\text{H}_2\bar{T}$ in 100 c.c.* of water, divide this solution into equal parts, exactly neutralise (35) one part by heating it nearly to boiling and stirring in solid $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ in powder; add to this the other part, cool and dilute to 150 c.c. A few drops of carbolic acid should be added to the solution.
... 1 : 10.	21. Pieces of freshly-burnt lime are placed on a plate, and water is poured upon them until they begin to appear moist on their surface; the superfluous water is then drained off, and as soon as the lime has crumbled to powder, the powder is placed in a broad-mouthed stoppered bottle.
... Solid.	22. The bottle should be closed with a loosely-fitting india-rubber stopper, perforated, and with a glass tube passed through it and dipping into the solution; when a drop of the solution is required, the upper end of the glass tube is closed by the finger, and a drop is delivered from the opposite end by slightly relaxing the pressure of the finger.
... Strong.	23. The solution must give no precipitate with $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ solution. For the preparation of it see (528, 4).
... 1 : 12.	24. For preparation of this solution see (528, 1). It must not darken on adding AmHO.
... —	25. A little $\text{H}\bar{A}$ must be added to this solution to make it clear.
... Solid.	26. Solution of KCy is made (1 : 12); it decomposes so readily by being kept in water, that it is best made immediately before use by heating a small piece of solid KCy with distilled water.
... —	27. The strongest "Liquor Soda Chlorinate" of commerce.
... 1 : 12.	28. Crystals of $\text{SnCl}_4$ should be dissolved by heating them with water containing some HCl; the solution should be kept in a well-stoppered bottle containing pieces of granulated or sheet tin.
... —	29. In strips cut from copper-sheet.
... —	30. In strips or rods or granulated; it must be proved to be free from As by (181, 182, or 183).
... 1 : 20. (See 528, 2).	31. Common knitting needles broken into short lengths, and kept in a bottle containing pieces of quicklime to prevent rusting.
... 1 : 12.	
... 1 : 12.	
... 1 : 20.	
... 1 : 30.	

\*c. is the contraction for cubic centimetre. See weights and measures (par).

## 526.—REAGENTS FOR GENERAL USE

Refer to Note under

Reference number.	Name. [The small numbers in brackets refer to corresponding numbers in the fifth column.]	Formula.
57. .	Lime water,	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> .
58. .	Lead acetate in potash (33),	PbAc <sub>2</sub> +KHO .
59. .	Potassium dichromate,	K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> .
60. .	Chlorine water,	Cl-solution .
61. .	Ferric chloride (38),	Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> .
62. .	Ferrous sulphate (34),	FeSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O .
63. .	Potassium iodide,	KI .
64. .	Starch (35),	—
65. .	Indigo-solution (36),	—
66. .	Manganese dioxide (37),	MnO <sub>2</sub> .
67. .	Potassium dichromate (38),	K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> .
68. .	Ether (methylated),	(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> O .
69. .	Carbon disulphide,	CS <sub>2</sub> .
70. .	Potassium nitrite (39),	KNO <sub>2</sub> .
71. .	Nitrogen tetroxide solution,	N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> solution .
72. .	Ammonium molybdate (40),	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>4</sub> .
73. .	Calcium fluoride,	CaF <sub>2</sub> .
74. .	Potassium sulphate,	KHSO <sub>4</sub> .
75. .	{ Microcosmic salt, or Hydric ammonia sodic phosphate } (40a)	NaAmHPO <sub>4</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O .
76. .	Wax, or paraffin,	—
77. .	Calcium chloride,	CaCl <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O .
78. .	Potassium chloride,	KCl .
79. .	Marble,	CaCO <sub>3</sub> .
80*. .	Distilled water (41),	H <sub>2</sub> O .
81. .	Pure sodium hydrate (42), pure soda,	NaOH .
82. .	Fusion mixture (43),	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> +K <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> .
83. .	Barium carbonate (44),	BaCO <sub>3</sub> .
84. .	Solution of sodium acetate in dilute acetic acid (45)	NaAc+HA .
85. .	Sodium nitrate (46) (solid),	NaNO <sub>3</sub> .
86. .	Silica, or finely powdered white sand. (See No. 548, 4),	SiO <sub>2</sub> .
87. .	Hydrofluoric acid (47),	HF .
88. .	Barium hydrate (in crystals),	Ba(OH) <sub>2</sub> .8H <sub>2</sub> O .
89. .	Zinc sulphate. (See No. 111.),	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O .

\* Nos. 80-89 are certain special

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(Reading of (525.)

Proportion by weight of solid to water.	Remarks. [The numbers in this column refer to corresponding numbers in the second column.]
See (527),	32. To some of the $\text{PbA}_2$ solution (No. 40) $\text{KHO}$ solution is added until, on warming, the precipitate at first formed is just redissolved: paper dipped into this liquid is a very delicate test for $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ (230).
1 : 24.	33. The solution should not contain any free acid: its absence is shown by a single drop of $\text{AmHO}$ giving a reddish-brown precipitate of $\text{Fe}_2\text{HgO}$ in the solution.
See (528, 3).	34. $\text{FeSO}_4$ solution rapidly oxidises in the air, hence the $\text{FeSO}_4$ should be kept in the solid state as small green crystals, which should not show a yellow coating in any part; these are dissolved when required by heating them with water.
1 : 24.	35. Starch solution rapidly changes, it is best therefore to keep the starch as a powder. Starch solution is made by stirring 2 grams of this powder, which has been made into a paste with 10 c.c. of cold water, into 100 c.c. of boiling water and cooling.
Solid.	36. Made by diluting the ordinary solution of indigo in strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ with ten times its volume of water, and cooling the mixture; a precipitate will separate after a time, from which the solution is separated by decantation or filtration.
Solid.	37. Should be kept in fine powder; it must not evolve $\text{Cl}$ or $\text{CO}_2$ when warmed with strong $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .
—	38. In small pieces, or in powder.
1 : 24.	39. The solution is prone to change, and should be made in small quantity only: it must evolve copious red fumes when mixed with $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ .
See (528, 5).	40. Make the solution with the following proportions:—1 gram of $\text{Am}_2\text{MoO}_4$ is dissolved in 12·5 c.c. of strong $\text{AmHO}$ which has been previously mixed with an equal quantity of water, the solution is allowed to stand (if necessary) till clear, then poured off into 12·5 c.c. of strong $\text{HNO}_3$ mixed with an equal volume of water: the liquid will become hot, and should be allowed to stand until it is cool before being used.
In powder.	40a. The solution of this salt must yield no precipitate with $\text{AgNO}_3$ insoluble in $\text{HNO}_3$ .
In small pieces.	41. Must leave no residue on evaporation; in separate portions no precipitates must be caused by $\text{BaCl}_2$ , $\text{AgNO}_3$ , or $\text{Am}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ , neither must any precipitate or even dark coloration be produced by the addition of $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .
In small crystals.	42. The proportion by weight should be 1 : 10 of water; it is best kept in green glass bottles, as it slowly dissolves Pb from white flint glass. The solution must not become dark in colour when mixed with $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , nor give a gelatinous precipitate ( $\text{Al}_2\text{HgO}$ ) when mixed with excess of $\text{AmCl}$ solution.
Solid, in pieces.	43. Dry finely powdered $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ are intimately mixed in the proportion of 53 : 69 by weight, and kept in a stoppered bottle.
1 : 12. Crystals.	44. Pure powdered $\text{BaCO}_3$ is either purchased, or is made by precipitating $\text{BaCl}_2$ solution completely with $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ (or $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) solution, and washing the precipitate well by decantation. This powder is then mixed with distilled water to the consistency of thin cream.
1 : 12.	45. Dissolve 20 grams of $\text{NaA}$ in 60 c.c. of distilled water, and add to the solution 40 c.c. of strong $\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}$ .
In pieces as large as a pea.	46. By neutralising strong hot $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution with $\text{HNO}_3$ and evaporating to dryness. Sold also as Chilli saltpetra.
47. Purchased and kept in gutta-percha bottles.	47. Purchased and kept in gutta-percha bottles.

reagents entered apart.

## PREPARATION OF SATURATED SOLUTIONS.\*

## PREPARATION OF SATURATED SOLUTIONS OF SOLIDS.

527. The method described in (515) may be used, or the substance in powder may be constantly shaken up with the solvent for some time, and the solution then separated from excess of the solid by decantation or filtration. The most ready method of preparing a saturated solution of  $\text{Ca}(\text{HO})_2$ , or of  $\text{CaSO}_4$ , is to pour some of the powder into a Winchester quart, then fill it up to the shoulder with water, and mix the powder thoroughly with the water by shaking the bottle; the shaking is repeated at intervals during half an hour or more; the bottle is then allowed to stand until the excess of powder has settled and the liquid above it is quite clear, when the liquid is poured off into another "Winchester," leaving the powder behind; fresh water is poured upon this powder and more solution made as above by constant shaking, the bottle being allowed to stand by until the fresh supply is required. By thus making a fresh stock of solution whenever one lot is decanted, time is allowed for the freshly prepared solution to become perfectly clear before it is required for use.

1. *Lime-water* is made in the above manner by shaking slaked lime in powder with common *tap-water*,

2. *Calcium sulphate* solution is prepared by saturating *distilled water* by the above means with gypsum or plaster of Paris in powder.

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\* By a "saturated solution" is meant a solution containing the maximum quantity of the substance which the solvent can dissolve.

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528. The gas is made to bubble in a constant stream from the end of a glass tube which dips nearly to the bottom of the liquid (fig. 44); the liquid must be kept cold, and be contained in a bottle which is fitted with an accurately ground stopper. In order to ascertain whether the solution is saturated, the bubbles of the gas are occasionally watched to see whether they diminish in size as they rise through the liquid; if they do not, the bottle, after being closed tightly by the thumb or by inserting the stopper, is violently shaken; if this causes a pressure and escape of gas from the bottle into the air on unclosing its mouth, the liquid is saturated; if, on the contrary, it causes a pressure of air into the bottle, the gas must be passed again for some time, and the trial repeated, until on shaking as directed above, an outward pressure is noticed.

*Note.*—All the preparations mentioned below should be made in a draught cupboard, as the gases are injurious to the lungs if inhaled.

1. *Sulphuretted hydrogen solution* is made by fitting the bent tube *a b* (fig. 44) by means of the india-rubber joint *c*, upon either of the apparatus described in (500) for the preparation of  $H_2S$  gas; the gas is thus made to bubble through the distilled water (best recently boiled to expel air, and cooled) until it is saturated. The solution should not be made in large quantities at a time, as it gradually decomposes depositing sulphur and losing its smell, it is then unfit for use.

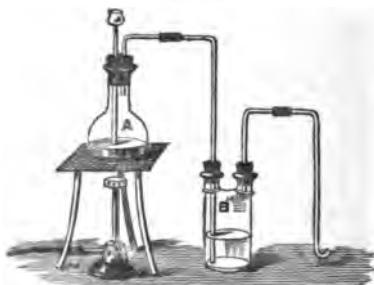
2. *Sulphurous acid solution* is prepared by passing sulphur dioxide gas into distilled water until it is saturated. The gas is made by heating scraps of copper with strong  $H_2SO_4$  in a glass flask fitted as is shown in A (fig. 45). The gas passes from the flask through some water contained in a washing bottle as shown at B (fig. 45), and from this bottle into the distilled water (fig. 44) through the tube *a b*, which is connected with the outlet tube of the washing bottle by means

FIG. 44.



of the india-rubber joint *c*. The solution must be kept in a well-stoppered bottle.

FIG. 45.

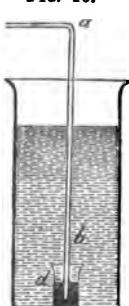


3. *Chlorine-water*.—Chlorine gas is made in the apparatus shown in fig. 45, by gently heating manganic oxide (in lumps or powder) in the flask A with some strong commercial hydrochloric acid, previously mixed with a third its volume of water. The gas bubbles through a little water in the washing bottle B, and thence through the bent tube *a b* into the distilled water (fig. 44). This solution must be kept in a dark place, or in a bottle which is coated with black paper, as it undergoes alteration by light.

4. *Hydrofluosilicic acid* is made by passing silicium fluoride gas into water.

FIG. 46. The gas is prepared in a flask fitted as shown in A, fig. 45. Into this flask there is first poured an intimate mixture of 50 grammes of dry, pure, finely-powdered fluor-spar; 300 grammes of strong  $H_2SO_4$  are then poured into the flask through the funnel tube, and the acid is mixed with the powder by shaking it round in the flask; the gas is caused to be evolved by gently heating the flask, and is made to pass first through the bottle B (fig. 45), which must be empty and dry inside; thence it escapes through a bent tube

*a b* (fig. 46), which is fitted upon the outlet tube of B by an india-rubber joint: the end of the tube, *a b*, is made to dip into mercury contained in a small beaker *d* (fig. 46), which



stands in a large beaker containing 400 c.c. of water. As soon as the silicium fluoride gas comes into the water, after escaping from the mercury, it is decomposed into hydrofluosilicic acid which dissolves in the water, and silica which remains suspended in the water as a gelatinous mass; the silica very soon closes the end of the delivery tube *a b* unless it is kept immersed in the mercury. As the current of gas slackens, the heat is raised, until white fumes of  $H_2SO_4$  begin to appear in the preparation flask; the process is then arrested, and the gelatinous silica is separated from the solution by squeezing the latter through fine muslin and afterwards filtering it if not quite clear. The silica may be dried, heated strongly in a porcelain dish, and put by in a stoppered bottle as reagent No. 86 (526), for which it serves admirably.

5. *Nitrogen-tetroxide solution*.—Lead nitrate in dry pieces is heated in a test-tube fitted with cork and delivery tube (fig. 47), and the red fumes which escape are passed into dilute  $H_2SO_4$ . Care must be taken to maintain the heat uniformly after the fumes commence to be evolved, else the liquid may be sucked back into the hot tube by the contraction of the gas on cooling; also the delivery tube must be removed from the liquid as soon as the heating is stopped.

FIG. 47.



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*Note.*—Each bottle should bear on its label the number, name, and formula near the solutions containing the powdered solid of each of those substances on their label the name, number, and formula of the substance.

Reference number.	Name. [The numbers in brackets refer to similarly numbered remarks in the last column.]	Formula.
100.a .	Potassium chloride . . . . .	KCl . . .
101.a . .	Ammonium chloride . . . . .	AmCl . . .
102.a . .	Sodium chloride . . . . .	NaCl . . .
103.a . .	Magnesium sulphate . . . . .	MgSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
104. . .	Barium chloride . . . . .	BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
105. . .	Strontium nitrate . . . . .	Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
106. . .	Calcium chloride . . . . .	CaCl <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
107.a . .	{ Alum, or Aluminium potassium sulphate } . . . . .	AlK(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .12H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
108.a . .	Ferric chloride (α)* . . . . .	Fe <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> . . .
109.a . .	Ferrous sulphate (48) . . . . .	FeSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
110.a . .	{ Chrome alum, or Chromium potassium sulphate } . . . . .	CrK(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .12H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
111.a . .	Zinc sulphate . . . . .	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
112.a . .	Manganese chloride (α) . . . . .	MnCl <sub>2</sub> . . .
113.a . .	Nickel sulphate . . . . .	NiSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
114.s . .	Cobalt nitrate . . . . .	Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
115.s . .	Mercuric chloride . . . . .	HgCl <sub>2</sub> . . .
116.s . .	Lead acetate (49) . . . . .	PbAc <sub>2</sub> .3H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
117.s . .	Bismuth nitrate (50) . . . . .	Bi(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
118.s . .	Copper sulphate (α) . . . . .	CuSO <sub>4</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
119.s . .	Cadmium sulphate (α) . . . . .	CdSO <sub>4</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
120.s . .	{ Arsenious oxide (α) (51) Solution in dilute HCl } . . . . .	As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> . . .
120. . .	{ Arsenious oxide (α) (52) Solution in water } . . . . .	" . . .
121.s . .	Sodium arsenite . . . . .	Na <sub>2</sub> AsO <sub>4</sub> .12H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
122.s . .	Antimonious chloride (53)† . . . . .	SbCl <sub>3</sub> . . .
123.s . .	Stannous chloride (54) . . . . .	SnCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O . . .
124. . .	Stannic chloride (55) . . . . .	SnCl <sub>4</sub> . . .
125. . .	Silver nitrate . . . . .	AgNO <sub>3</sub> . . .
126. . .	Mercurous nitrate (56) . . . . .	Hg <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .H <sub>2</sub> O . . .

\* α signifies that the solid substance

† Solid Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or K(SbO)T (Tartar emetic)

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substance. Small (4 or 6 ounce) wide-mouthed bottles should be kept. Each number has a small (s) affixed to it; these bottles should also carry

Weight of solid in ms to be dissolved in the "Winchester."	Proportion by weight of solid to water.	Remarks. [These numbers correspond to the small reference numbers in brackets in the second column.]
100 . . .	1 : 25	48. The solution must be made acid with a little H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , and some clean iron nails kept in it.
200 ... ...	1 : 12	49. A little HA must be added to this solution to make it clear.
50 . . .	1 : 50	50. 25 grams of Bi(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> must be dissolved by heating with 25 c.c. of strong HCl diluted with 25 of water; this solution is cooled and poured into the bottle, and the measure made up by pouring in dilute HCl containing one-twentieth of its volume of strong HCl.
50 ... ...	1 : 50	51. Dissolve 10 grams of As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> by heating it with 50 c.c. of strong HCl mixed with 50 c.c. of water, and dilute to the quart.‡
200 (in crystals)	1 : 12	52. Boil excess of As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> for several minutes with 200 c.c. of water, filter and dilute to the quart.‡
200 ... ...	1 : 12	53. 25 grains of crystallised SbCl <sub>3</sub> are dissolved in 25 c.c. of strong HCl mixed with 25 c.c. of water, and diluted to the quart.‡ with HCl mixed with four times its measure of water.
25 . . .	1 : 100	54. Roll 25 grams of SnCl <sub>2</sub> with 50 c.c. of strong HCl mixed with 50 c.c. of water, as soon as it has dissolved to a clear solution dilute to the quart.‡ Scraps of Sn must be kept in the bottle.
25 ... ...	1 : 100	55. Heat 25 grams of SnCl <sub>2</sub> with 25 c.c. of strong HCl and 100 c.c. of water; whilst constantly stirring, add KClO <sub>4</sub> to the hot solution until the liquid turns yellow and Cl is smelt, boil off the Cl and dilute to the quart.‡
25 . . .	1 : 100	56. Dissolve by warming 25 grams of Hg <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> with 6 c.c. of strong HNO <sub>3</sub> diluted with 114 c.c. of water, then pour water into this solution until it is diluted to a quart.‡ Keep Hg in the bottom of the bottle.
10 . . .	1 : 250	
— — ...	—	
50 . . .	1 : 50	
25 ... ...	1 : 100	
25 . . .	1 : 100	
— — ...	—	
25 . . .	1 : 100	
25 ... ...	1 : 100	

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ay be used for the blowpipe reaction.

‡ Winchester-quart.

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[Note.—Refer to note at the head of the preceding Table (529), which compares amongst the reagents (524, 525, 526), and the solutions for reactions to

Reference number.	Name. [The small numbers in brackets refer to corresponding numbers in the sixth column.]	Formula.
130. .	Sodium sulphate,	$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$
131.s. ...	{ Sodium carbonate (57)	$\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$
	Marble (calcium carbonate) (57)	$\text{CaCO}_3$
132.s. .	{ Ferrous sulphide (58),	$\text{FeS}$
	Ammonium sulphide (58),	$\text{Am}_2\text{S}$
133.s. ...	Acid sodium sulphite,	$\text{NaHSO}_3$
134. .	Sodium hyposulphite,	$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
135. ...	Sodium hypochlorite (59),	$\text{Na}_2\text{ClO}_4$
136.s. .	Potassium nitrate (60),	$\text{KNO}_3$
137.s. .	Potassium nitrate,	$\text{KNO}_3$
138.s. .	Potassium chlorate,	$\text{KClO}_3$
139.s. .	Sodium chloride (60),	$\text{NaCl}$
140.s. .	Sodium bromide,	$\text{NaBr}$
141.s. .	Potassium iodide,	$\text{KI}$
142. .	Sodium phosphate,	$\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$
143. .	Sodium arsenate (61),	$\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$
144.s. .	Borax (58),	$\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$
145. .	Potassium bichromate,	$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$
146.s. .	{ Sodium silicate (63),	$\text{Na}_4\text{SiO}_4$
	Silica (white sand),	$\text{SiO}_2$
147.s. .	Fluor-spar (calcium fluoride),	$\text{CaF}_2$
148. .	Hydrofluoridic acid (64),	$\text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6$
149.s. .	Potassium cyanide (65),	$\text{KCy}$
150. .	Potassium ferrocyanide,	$\text{K}_4\text{FeCy}_6 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
151. .	Potassium ferricyanide,	$\text{K}_6\text{Fe}_2\text{Cy}_{12}$
152. .	Potassium sulphocyanide,	$\text{KCyS}$
153.s. .	Ammonium oxalate (66),	$\text{Am}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
	{ Tartaric acid (67),	$\text{H}_2\text{T}$
154.s. .	Sodium tartrate (68),	$\text{Na}_2\text{T} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
155.s. .	Sodium acetate (69),	$\text{NaA} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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applicable to this. Many of the solutions in this list are already pre-  
ils (529).]

Weight of solid in grams to be dissolved in one Winchester quart.	Proportion by weight of solid to water.	Remarks. [The numbers correspond to the small reference numbers in brackets in the second column.]
25	1 : 100	57. The $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ is required only in the solid form, and can be taken from the reagent bottle on the working bench, No. 18 (524).
—	—	The marble is kept in small pieces as large as a pea; it is found in reagent bottle No. 79 (526).
—	—	58. The $\text{FeS}$ is kept as a solid in small pieces as large as a pea.
—	—	The $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ can be taken from reagent bottle No. 7, on the working bench.
100	1 : 25	59. Strong "Liquor Soda Chlorinate," diluted with an equal measure of water.
100	1 : 25	60. No. 102, paragraph 529.
—	—	61. No. 121, paragraph 529.
100	1 : 25	62. No. 19, paragraph 524.
100	1 : 25	63. The solution is made by dissolving 100 grams of the thick syrup, sold as "soluble glass," in water, and diluting to a quart.* The solid substance to be used is sand finely ground.
50	1 : 50	64. No. 35, paragraph 525.
50	1 : 50	65. No. 42, paragraph 525.
50	1 : 60	66. No. 9, paragraph 524.
12	1 : 200	67. No. 30, paragraph 525.
50	1 : 60	68. 120 grams of $\text{H}_2\text{T}$ are dissolved by heat in 500 c.c. of water, the hot solution is exactly neutralised with solid $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and then diluted to a quart.*
50	1 : 60	69. A little of the solid substance (see No. 41, 526) is dissolved, when required, in water.
25	1 : 100	
—	—	
In fine powder.	—	
—	—	
50	1 : 60	
25	1 : 100	
25	1 : 100	
25	1 : 100	
100	1 : 25	
—	—	
—	—	

\* Winchester-quart.

## 531. CHEMICALS REQUIRED FOR SECTION I.

In the following list those substances which are used for Section I. only are marked by letters of the alphabet. The bottles containing these substances should be arranged apart in alphabetical order. Against others a number is placed; this indicates that the substance is used for analytical purposes, and will therefore be found, together with any necessary descriptive remarks, in one of the foregoing lists (524, 525, 526, 529, 530). [See note at head of Table (532).]

Letter or number of refer- ence.	Name.	Formula.	Remarks.
A.	Mercuric oxide, . . .	HgO,	The orange-coloured <i>precipitated</i> oxide is best.
20.	Potassium chlorate, . .	KClO <sub>3</sub> .	
B.	Manganese dioxide, . .	MnO <sub>2</sub> .	In powder. No. 66 would serve the purpose; but it is unnecessary that the substance should be pure.
C.	Wood-charcoal, . . .	C.	In pieces as large as a hazel-nut.
57.	Lime-water, . . . .	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> .	
D.	Sulphur, . . . .	S.	Roll sulphur broken into pieces as large as a pea.
21.	{Litmus and turmeric papers, . . . .}	—	
59.	Potassium dichromate, .	K <sub>2</sub> Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> .	In small pieces as large as half a pea, kept in a stoppered bottle under water.
E.	Phosphorus, . . . .	P.	No. 46 would serve the purpose, but it is not necessary that this zinc should be free from As.
F.	Granulated zinc, . .	Zn.	Strong, commercial.
G.	Hydrochloric acid, . .	HCl.	In pieces not larger than a hazel-nut.
H.	Marble, . . . . .	CaCO <sub>3</sub> .	In any form—e.g., turnings, clipping, filings, &c.
I.	Copper, . . . . .	Cu.	Strong, commercial.
J.	Nitric acid, . . . .	HNO <sub>3</sub> .	Solid, commercial.
K.	{Ammonium chloride, or Sal-ammoniac, . .}	NH <sub>4</sub> Cl.	{(No. 101) will also serve; but for this purpose it need not be pure.
32.	Slaked lime, . . . .	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub> .	Solid, in crystals.
L.	Oxalic acid, . . . .	H <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O.	Strong, commercial.
M.	Sulphuric acid, . . .	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .	{Strong solution of the commercial solid.
N.	{Sodium hydrate, or caustic soda, . . .}	NaOH.	In strips.
O.	"Turkey red," . . .	—	{In pieces as large as a hazel-nut broken from a lump of rock-salt or of fused table-salt.
P.	{Sodium chloride, or common salt, . . .}	NaCl.	
3.	Nitric acid, . . . .	HNO <sub>3</sub> .	
48.	Silver nitrate, . . .	AgNO <sub>3</sub> .	
6.	Ammonia, . . . .	NH <sub>4</sub> HO.	
9.	Ammonium oxalate, .	(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> .	
17.	Barium chloride, . .	BaCl <sub>2</sub> .	
7.	Ammonium sulphide, .	Am <sub>2</sub> S.	
39.	Potassium nitrate, . .	KNO <sub>3</sub>	

**532. CHEMICALS REQUIRED FOR THE EXPERIMENTS ON ANALYTICAL OPERATIONS (SECTION III.)**

All the substances, with those exceptions\* only which are named in this list, are required either for analytical purposes (see lists in paragraphs 524, 525, 526, 529, 530), where they may be found by the number placed in the first column; or they are already entered on the list of substances required for experiments on the gases (531), where they may be found by the reference letter in the first column. A letter (s) affixed to the number of reference indicates that the substance is required in the solid condition (see note at heading of 529).

*Note.*—All numbers below 22 refer to bottles standing on the shelves above the working bench.

If a substance is required for more than one experiment, its entry is not repeated.

Number or letter of reference.	Name.	Formula.
39.	Potassium nitrate . . . . .	KNO <sub>3</sub> .
118. s.	Copper sulphate (solid) . . . . .	CuSO <sub>4</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O.
79.	Marble . . . . .	CaCO <sub>3</sub> .
2.	Hydrochloric acid . . . . .	HCl.
45.	Copper . . . . .	Cu.
3.	Nitric acid . . . . .	HNO <sub>3</sub> .
17.	Barium chloride . . . . .	BaCl <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O.
8.	Ammonium carbonate . . . . .	Am <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> .
161. *	Filter-paper . . . . .	In sheet.
1.	Sulphuric acid . . . . .	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .
A.	Mercuric oxide . . . . .	HgO.
K.	Ammonium chloride . . . . .	NH <sub>4</sub> Cl.
100. s.	Potassium chloride . . . . .	KCl.
18.	Sodium carbonate . . . . .	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> .
112. s.	Manganese chloride . . . . .	MnCl <sub>2</sub> .
19.	Borax . . . . .	Na <sub>2</sub> B <sub>4</sub> O <sub>7</sub> .
62. s.	Ferrous sulphate . . . . .	FeSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O.
102.	Sodium chloride . . . . .	NaCl.
160. *	Wood-charcoal . . . . .	C
116. s.	Lead acetate (solid) . . . . .	PbAc <sub>2</sub> .3H <sub>2</sub> O.
—	Red cabbage leaves . . . . .	—
2.	Hydrochloric acid . . . . .	HCl.
6.	Ammonia . . . . .	NH <sub>3</sub> .HO.
5	Ammonium chloride . . . . .	NH <sub>4</sub> Cl.
21.	Litmus-paper . . . . .	—
	Turmeric-paper . . . . .	—

\* The exceptions are Nos. 160 and 161, which numbers refer to paragraph 533; also the red cabbage leaves, which are readily obtainable.

**533. SUNDY OTHER REQUISITES NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRECEDING LISTS.**

Reference number.	Name and Description.
160.	<i>Wood-charcoal.</i> —This may be purchased in small pieces commonly used for fuel. If required for blowpipe experiments (33), the charcoal should be tolerably free from cracks and from bark. It may be sawn into convenient shape and size by a fine-toothed saw.
161.	<i>Filter-paper</i> may be bought in sheets which are cut into squares of the required size; these are folded and cut as directed in experiment 40 (p. 44). Ready cut circular filters can also be purchased, which only require to be folded.
162.	<i>Corks.</i> —These should be obtained as free as possible from holes or cracks, they must be sound and easily softened by pressure. All sizes between $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter should be kept in stock. For wash-bottles and other permanently fitted apparatus in which the cork is not subjected to much heating, the india-rubber stoppers are much to be preferred to corks, since they are almost imperishable and retain their elasticity very much longer than corks do.

SUBSTANCES TO BE GIVEN FOR ANALYSIS BY  
THE PRECEDING TABLES AND DIRECTIONS.

**534.** It must be understood that the substances mentioned below are merely brought forward as examples of what may be given to the student for analysis, the teacher will use his own judgment in adopting or extending the list.

**535. SUBSTANCES FOR ANALYSIS WHILST TRYING THROUGH THE REACTIONS FOR METALS AND ACID-RADICLES.**

If the student, after trying through the reactions for each of the metallic groups, intends to analyse substances containing one member only, or any two or more members, of that group, it is a good plan to give him first a few substances containing only one member and to gradually increase the number present in those subsequently given. It is well to give these substances in the dissolved state\* as a rule, as they are intended mainly to afford practice in separation and detection according to the group-tables, and the time spent by the student in preparing the solution is therefore wasted. Occasionally, however, a solid substance may be given in which the metal or acid-radicle present is to be detected by blow-pipe tests or other tests made on the solid substance.

As examples of the substances to be given, in the order best suited to the gradual advance in difficulty, the following selected for Groups V., IV., and III. B. will serve:—

<i>Group V.</i>	<i>Group IV.</i>	<i>Group III. B.</i>
Solution of $\text{NaCl}$	Solution of $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Solution of $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
" " $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$	" " $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	" " $\text{MnCl}_2$
" " $\text{KCl}$	" " $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	" " $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
" " $\text{NaCl} + \text{KCl}$	" " $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ + $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	" " $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$
" " $\text{NaCl} + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl} + \text{KCl}$	" " $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	" " $\text{MnCl}_2 + \text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
" " $\text{NaCl} + \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$	" " $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	" " $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$
" " $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NaCl} + \text{KCl}$	" " $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	&c., &c., &c.
<i>Solids:</i> — $\text{NaCl}$ , $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ , $\text{KCl}$ , $\text{AmCl} + \text{NCl}$ , &c.		<i>Solids:</i> — $\text{MnCl}_2$ , $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , &c.

\* The solutions already made for the reactions, paragraphs 529 and 530, will serve very well for this purpose, being given either singly or mixed.

**536.** Substances are given to be tested for the members of an acid-radicle group in the same order (535),\* the first substances containing one member only, those subsequently given containing two or more members of the group.

**537. SUBSTANCES FOR ANALYSIS BY THE DIRECTIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION V.**

Any one of the solutions named in paragraphs 529 and 530 may be given for analysis by Section V., some of them being neutral, some acid, and others alkaline in reaction. The following more difficult solutions with acid or alkaline reaction may also be added to the list :—

<i>Acid.</i>	<i>Alkaline.</i>
$\text{Ca}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$ ("Bone-ash") dissolved in dilute HCl.	$\text{KSB}_3\text{O}_3$ dissolved in water.
$\text{BaC}_2\text{O}_4$ dissolved in dilute HCl.	$\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$ " " (solution of "soluble glass").
$\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$ " " HCl.	$\text{Na}_2\text{SnO}_3$ " " ("preparing salt" of the dyer).
$\text{BaCrO}_4$ " " HCl.	

Any of the solid salts which were dissolved in order to prepare the solutions in paragraphs 529 and 530, may be given for analysis as solid substances by (331 *et seq.*).

As examples of substances possessing metallic appearance (366), the following may be mentioned as suitable for analysis :—

Zn, in pieces or filings.	NiAs (Kupfernickel).
Pb " "	Graphite (Black lead).
$\text{FeS}_2$ (Iron Pyrites).	Iron filings.

As insoluble substances which require to be examined by (367 *et seq.*) the following may be given for analysis :—

$\text{BaSO}_4$ .	$\text{CuF}_2$ .
$\text{PbSO}_4$ .	$\text{FeCr}_2\text{O}_4$ (Chrome Iron Ore).
$\text{AgCl}$ .	S (as pieces of roll sulphur).
$\text{SnO}_2$ (Tinstone).	C (as powdered wood-charcoal or plumbeo.)

\* See foot-note on page 327.

† Made by mixing hot solutions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{B}_4\text{O}_7$  and  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

**538. SOLID SUBSTANCES TO BE ANALYSED BY THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.**

For the Preliminary Examination for Metals (387) :—

<i>Simple.</i>			<i>Complex.</i>		
NH <sub>4</sub> Cl	Pb(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	AmCl + NaCl	AlK(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .12H <sub>2</sub> O	
HgCl <sub>2</sub>	NaCl	MnCl <sub>2</sub>	HgCl <sub>2</sub> + BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	SnO <sub>2</sub> + Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	BaCl <sub>2</sub> .2H <sub>2</sub> O	Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O	MnCl <sub>2</sub> + KCl	CaCO <sub>3</sub> + ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	
KNO <sub>3</sub>	Sr(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> .4H <sub>2</sub> O	NISO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	NISO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O +	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> + MnCl <sub>2</sub> +	
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CuSO <sub>4</sub> .6H <sub>2</sub> O (See note.)	SnO <sub>2</sub>	ZnSO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	NaCl.	

*Note.*—Best finely powdered, since then its colour is then almost destroyed.

For the Preliminary Examination for Acid-radicles (410) :

<i>Simple.</i>			<i>Complex.</i>		
CaCO <sub>3</sub>	FeS	Na <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> .5H <sub>2</sub> O	CaCO <sub>3</sub> + KNO <sub>3</sub>		
Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> .7H <sub>2</sub> O	KNO <sub>3</sub>	KBr	CaCl <sub>2</sub> + CaF <sub>2</sub>		
CaCl <sub>2</sub> O	KClO <sub>3</sub>	NaA	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> + KI.		
NaCl	KL				

A few of the above mentioned solids may then be examined by both Preliminary Examinations for both Metals and Acid-radicles.

**539. SUBSTANCES TO BE ANALYSED BY THE GENERAL COURSE (380 *et seq.*).**

The following lists are so arranged that the analysis of the substances contained in them is more difficult in each column proceeding from left to right, and usually also in proceeding in one and the same column from top to bottom. For examples of Alkaline Solutions, see (537) :—

## SUBSTANCES FOR ANALYSIS BY THE GENERAL COURSE.

1. Simple Soluble Substances.	2. Complex Soluble Substances.	3 Complex Soluble Substances.
$\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{MnCl}_2$ $\text{HgCl}_2$ $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{KCl}$ $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{*CaCO}_3$ $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ $\text{*As}_2\text{O}_3$ $\text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_3$ $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ $\text{NaCl}$ &c. &c.	$\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{AlK}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CrK}(\text{SO}_4)_2$ $\text{MnCl}_2 + \text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 + \text{HgCl}_2 + \text{NaCl}$ $\text{*As}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{BaCO}_3$ $\text{*ZnO} + \text{MgCO}_3 + \text{KClO}_3$ $\text{*MgCO}_3 + \text{BaCO}_3 + \text{PbCO}_3$ &c. &c.	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_3 \\ \text{MnO}_2 \\ \text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{KCl} \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{As}_2\text{O}_3 \\ \text{CrK}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hg}_2(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{KNO}_3 \\ \text{Bi}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{etc. etc.} \end{array} \right.$

\* To be given in the solid state.

4 Substances yielding a Phosphate Precipitate in Group III.	5 Substances partly or entirely insoluble.	
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_3 \\ \text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{MgCl}_2 \\ \text{Fe}_2\text{Cl}_3 \\ \text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{MnCl}_2 \\ \text{CrK}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{etc. etc.} \end{array} \right.$	$\text{BaSO}_4$ $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{S}$ $\text{BaSO}_4 + \text{CaF}_2 + \text{SnO}_2$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BaCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{AlK}(\text{SO}_4)_2 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{AgNO}_3 \end{array} \right.$ $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{SiO}_2 \\ \text{S} \\ \text{C} \end{array} \right.$ $\text{PbSO}_4 + \text{BaSO}_4$ $\text{PbCrO}_4$ (ignited)	<p><i>Metallic Substances</i> (467 et seq.)—</p> <p>Iron pyrites (<math>\text{FeS}_2</math>)  Iron filings (Fe)  Zinc clippings (Zn)  Brass filings (<math>\text{Cu}+\text{Zn}</math>)  German silver (<math>\text{Cu}+\text{Zn}+\text{Ni}</math>)  Bronze (<math>\text{Cu}+\text{Sn}</math>)  Type-metal (<math>\text{Sb}+\text{Sn}+\text{Pb}</math>)</p> <p><i>Silicates</i> (480)—</p> <p>Fire-clay (<math>\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 2\text{SiO}_2</math>)  Brown-clay (do. + Fe)  Window-glass (<math>\text{Na}_2\text{Ca}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_8</math>)  Flint-glass (Pb, K, <math>\text{SiO}_2</math>)</p> <p><i>Cyanogen Compounds</i> (482)—</p> <p>Any of the foregoing which has been mixed with KCy,  <math>\text{KCyS}, \text{FeCy}_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}</math>,  <math>\text{K}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{Cy}_{12}</math>, <math>\text{K}_2\text{Co}_2\text{Cy}_{12}</math></p>

## A P P E N D I X I.

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### REACTIONS FOR THE RARER ELEMENTS.

THIS Appendix contains some of the most important reactions for many of the rarer elements. The arrangement here used is that adopted in Section IV., those elements being placed together which are precipitated in the same analytical group: the groups are arranged in the order in which they occur in the General Table. A scheme for the detection of these elements follows (553.), showing in which group they are precipitated in the General Table, and by which reactions they will be most readily found.

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#### GROUP I.—SILVER GROUP.

In this group are included Tl and Wo: the former is partially precipitated as chloride by HCl, the latter completely as tungstic acid.

Thallium is only partially precipitated in Group I. since its chloride is not quite insoluble in water: it belongs also to Group III.B., being entirely precipitated by  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .

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#### 540. THALLIUM (Tl).—Use $\text{Tl}_2\text{SO}_4$ solution.

Tl occurs in small quantity in many natural sulphides, often also in the ashes of plants and in mineral waters. Tl yields both thallic and thallious salts, but the former are very unstable, changing even when their solutions are heated into thallious salts.

*HCl*: a white precipitate, which rapidly settles, does not blacken in the light, and is soluble in aqua regia. It is soluble in a large quantity of water, and therefore does not form in dilute solutions.

*KI*: a yellow precipitate; almost insoluble in water, more soluble in KI solution. In a solution containing Fe, any ferric salt must first be reduced by  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$  before adding KI.

*PtCl<sub>4</sub>*: orange-red precipitate, slightly soluble in water.

*Am<sub>2</sub>S*: black precipitate, which is easily coagulated by heat, is insoluble in *AmHO*, alkaline sulphides, and in *KCy*: it is readily oxidised by the air to *Tl<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>*, and is easily soluble in mineral acids. *Tl* is entirely precipitated by *H<sub>2</sub>S* from a solution in which *H<sub>2</sub>A* is the only free acid present, but free mineral acids prevent the precipitation entirely.

*Flame coloration*.—Thallium compounds impart to the Bunsen flame an intense *green* colour, which, however, rapidly disappears. The spectrum (p. 347) is very characteristic, consisting of one bright emerald-green line. Thallium may usually be easily detected by the spectroscope in solution, or better in any of its precipitates mentioned above.

#### 541. TUNGSTATES.—Use $\text{Na}_2\text{WO}_4$ solution.

*Wo* usually occurs in the form of a tungstate. The insoluble tungstates yield soluble alkaline tungstates on being fused with alkaline carbonates. From a solution of alkaline tungstate *HCl* precipitates the tungstic acid entirely.

*HCl* ( $\text{HNO}_3$  or  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ): white precipitate ( $\text{H}_2\text{WO}_4$ ), becoming yellow on boiling: insoluble in excess of acid, but soluble in *AmHO*. A piece of *Zn* dropped into the acid liquid containing the precipitate yields a deep blue colour.

*SnCl<sub>2</sub>* (a neutral solution made by dissolving *SnCl<sub>2</sub>* crystals in water and filtering): *yellow* precipitate, becoming *blue* on addition of *HCl* and heating. *Am<sub>2</sub>S* yields no precipitate in a solution of alkaline tungstate; but if, after adding *Am<sub>2</sub>S*, the liquid is made acid with *HCl*, brown *WS<sub>3</sub>* is precipitated.

#### *Microscopic bead* :—

In outer flame—*Colourless or yellow*.

In inner flame—*Blue*: if a little  $\text{FeSO}_4$  is fused into the bead the colour changes to *blood-red*. These colours are best seen when the bead is perfectly cold.

#### GROUP II. A.—COPPER GROUP.

In this group are included *Pd* (*Os*, *Rh*, *Ru*): they are precipitated as sulphides by *H<sub>2</sub>S* from acid solutions, and the sulphides are insoluble in *Am<sub>2</sub>S*, and in caustic alkali solution.

**542. PALLADIUM (Pd).—Use  $PdCl_2$  solution.**

Pd occurs as a metal in native platinum, also in gold and silver. Palladium solutions are reddish-brown, or yellow if dilute : addition of water precipitates a basic salt, unless sufficient free acid is present to prevent it.

$H_2S$ : a black pp., in neutral, alkaline, and acid solutions: this pp. is insoluble in  $Am_2S$ , but soluble in boiling  $HCl$  or in aqua regia.

$AmHO$ : flesh-coloured pp. ( $PdCl_2 \cdot 2NH_3$ ); soluble in excess of  $AmHO$  to a colourless liquid, from which  $HCl$  precipitates yellow crystalline palad ammonium-chloride ( $N_2H_6Pd''Cl_2$ ).

$HgCy_2$ : yellowish-white gelatinous pp. ( $PdCy_2$ ), slightly soluble in  $HCl$ , easily soluble in  $AmHO$ . Very characteristic reaction.

$KI$ : black pp. ( $PdI_2$ ). Very characteristic.

**GROUP II. B.—ARSENIC GROUP.**

In this group are included Mo, Se, Te (Ir).

**543. MOLYBDATES (Mo). Use  $Am_2MoO_4$  solution.**

Mo occurs as a molybdate; also as sulphide, which may be readily converted into  $MoO_3$  by ignition in the air or heating with  $HNO_3$ . Unignited  $MoO_3$  dissolves in acids; ignited  $MoO_3$  is insoluble in acids, but easily soluble in alkalis.

$HCl$  ( $HNO_3$  or  $H_2SO_4$ ), added in small quantity to an aqueous solution of a molybdate, yields a precipitate which is readily soluble in excess of the acid.

$H_2S$ , added in *very small* quantity to the acidified solution gives a *blue* liquid, in larger quantities a *brown* pp. ( $MoS_3$ ); the precipitation becomes complete only when the solution is heated and  $H_2S$  passed for some time: the pp. is soluble in solutions of alkaline sulphides and hydrates, from which it is reprecipitated by acid added in excess.

$Zn$  or  $SnCl_2$ , added to a solution of a molybdate in  $HCl$ , colours it *brown*, *green*, or *blue* according to its state of concentration.

$KCyS$ , added to a solution acidified with  $HCl$ , gives no coloration; but on dropping in a piece of  $Zn$  a beautiful *crimson* colour is produced, which when the liquid is shaken with ether is taken up by the ether.

$Na_2HPO_4$ , added in *very small* quantity to an acidified solution (best with  $HNO_3$ ) of a molybdate, gives, on gently warming the liquid, a yellow precipitate readily soluble in excess of alkali-hydrate solution.

*Borax-bead*: outer flame, *yellow*; inner, *dark-brown*.

*Microcosmic-bead*: outer and inner flames, *green*.

**544. SELENIUM (Se).**—Use a metallic selenide, an alkaline selenite and selenate.

Se occurs as metallic selenides (*e.g.*, of Fe, Cu, Ag). A selenide heated in an open tube evolves a smell of decaying horse-radish, and produces a grey or red sublimate of Se : the smell is very characteristic.

*a. Selenites:*—

$H_2S$  gives in acid solutions, if cold a *yellow*, if hot a *reddish-yellow* pp. : soluble in  $Am_2S$ .

$BaCl_2$  in neutral solutions a white pp. : soluble in HCl or  $HNO_3$ .

$SnCl_3$  or  $H_2SO_3$  gives in the presence of free HCl a red, or in warm solutions a grey pp. of Se.

Cu in a hot HCl solution becomes covered with a black film : the liquid on standing with the Cu for some time becomes coloured red with Se.

*b. Selenates:*—

HCl produces no change in the cold ; but on boiling, Cl is given off and the selenate reduced to selenite, to which the above tests under *a.* may be applied.

$BaCl_2$  : a white pp. ( $BaSeO_4$ ) ; insoluble in cold HCl, dissolved by boiling with HCl with evolution of Cl and reduction to  $BaSeO_3$ .

*c. Selenium in any form of combination is detected by the following reactions :—*

Heated on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame a smell of rotten horse-radish is perceived.

Fused on charcoal with  $Na_2CO_3$  in the inner blowpipe flame, a fused mass is obtained, which when moistened on Ag yields a black stain, and on addition of HCl evolves  $H_2Se$ .

**545. TELLURIUM (Te).**—Use a metallic telluride, an alkaline tellurite and tellurate.

Te occurs united with metals (*e.g.*, Au, Ag, Bi, Cu, Pb).

A telluride heated in an open glass tube gives white fumes and a sublimate which differs from that given by Sb, by being fusible before the blowpipe.

*a. Tellurites:*—

$H_2O$  : on dilution with water tellurous acid is precipitated from the acid solution.

$H_2S$  : in acid solutions a brown pp. ( $TeS_2$ ) ; easily soluble in  $Am_2S$ .

$H_2SO_3$ ,  $SnCl_3$ , or  $Zn$  precipitates black Te.

*b. Tellurates.*

HCl produces no change in the cold ; but on boiling, Cl is evolved and the tellurate is reduced tellurite ; the solution then gives the above reactions under (a).

*c. Tellurium in any form of combination*, if fused with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  on charcoal in the inner blowpipe flame, gives sodium telluride ; a solution of which gives a black stain on Ag, and on being acidified deposits black Te and evolves  $\text{TeH}_2$ .

## GROUP III.—IRON AND ZINC GROUPS.

In this Group are included U, In, Ti, Be, Tl [V], (Zr, Ce, Ta, Nb, La, Di, Y, E, Th).

Tl is often partially precipitated as chloride in Group I., and its reactions are given under that group. V is not precipitated by  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  unless acid is added in excess after  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ .

546. URANIUM (U).—Use  $(\text{UO}_3)''(\text{NO}_3)_2$ .

U occurs in nature principally as *pitchblende* (oxide), also as *uranite* (a hydrated uranium-calcium phosphate) and *chalcolite* (hydrated uranium-copper phosphate).

$\text{AmHO} (\text{KHO}, \text{NaHO})$  : yellow pp., insoluble in excess.

$\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  gives in neutral solutions a *dingy-yellow* or *brown* pp. of uranium oxy sulphide, which is soluble in  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  (diff. from  $\text{ZnS}$ ,  $\text{MnS}$ ,  $\text{FeS}$ , &c.). The pp. settles slowly unless  $\text{AmCl}$  is added ; it is soluble in acids, even in  $\text{H}\ddot{\text{A}}$  : on heating with  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$  in excess it is changed into uranous oxide and sulphur.

$\text{H}_2\text{S}$  produces no pp. in acid solutions.

$\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3 (\text{KHCO}_3, \text{NaHCO}_3)$  : yellow pp., easily soluble in excess ; from this solution the uranium is reprecipitated by addition of  $\text{NaHO}$  or  $\text{KHO}$ , or by boiling. (Diff. from Fe).

$\text{K}_4\text{FeC}_4$  gives in acid solutions a reddish-brown pp. The pp. is distinguished from the similar one produced in a copper solution by dissolving in excess of  $\text{AmHO}$  to a *yellow* fluid.

$\text{BaCO}_3$  : complete precipitation even in the cold.

Zn changes the *yellow* colour of acid solutions to *green*.

*Borax and Microcosmic beads* :—

Outer flame, *yellow*; inner flame, *green*.

**547. INDIUM (In.)**

*Alkali-hydrates* precipitate a hydrate resembling  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$ ; insoluble in excess. Indium solutions are also precipitated by alkaline carbonates, by  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , by boiling their neutral solutions with  $\text{NaA}$ , by  $\text{BaCO}_3$ , and by alkaline oxalates.

$\text{H}_2\text{S}$  gives no pp. in strong acid solutions, in dilute and feebly acid solutions a little sulphide separates, in a solution containing no free acid but  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$  the metal is entirely precipitated as *yellow* sulphide : the pp. is insoluble in cold, soluble in boiling,  $\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ ; from the boiling solution *white* sulphide separates on cooling.

$\text{Am}_2\text{S}$ , added after  $\text{H}_2\bar{\text{T}}$  and excess of  $\text{AmHO}$ , gives a *white* pp., becoming yellow on treatment with  $\text{H}\bar{\text{A}}$ .

*Flame coloration* ; bluish violet. The spectrum shows two very characteristic blue lines, which are brilliant, but very rapidly disappear when the chloride is employed : see p. 347.

**548. BERYLLIUM (Be).**—Occurs as silicate in phenakite, and as silicate with Al-silicate in beryl and emerald.

$\text{Am}_2\text{S} (\text{AmHO}, \text{KHO}, \text{NaHO})$ : flocculent hydrate is precipitated resembling  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$  in its appearance, and in being soluble in KHO. Differs from  $\text{Al}_2\text{Ho}_6$  in being precipitated from its solution in KHO by dilution and long boiling, and by being soluble when freshly precipitated if it is long boiled with  $\text{AmCl}$  solution.

*Alkaline carbonates* precipitate a carbonate soluble in excess, especially in  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$ ; from these solutions the carbonate is reprecipitated, on diluting and boiling for some time, with especial ease from the  $\text{Am}_2\text{CO}_3$  solution (diff. from Al).

$\text{BaCO}_3$  precipitates Be-solutions completely :  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$  and alkaline oxalates produce no pp. Moistened with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  solution and heated on charcoal in the outer blowpipe flame, a *grey* mass is obtained (diff. from Al).

**549 TITANIUM (Ti.).**—Occurs as  $\text{TiO}_3$  (with traces of Fe, Mn, Cr) in rutile, anastase and brookite : also as  $\text{TiO}_2$  in combination with Fe in titaniferous iron ore.

Ignited  $\text{TiO}_3$  is insoluble in water and most acids : it is easily soluble in HF, less readily in boiling strong  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  : it is also rendered soluble in cold water by fusion with  $\text{KHSO}_4$ .

$TiO_2$  differs from  $SiO_2$  in not being volatilised when heated in a platinum dish with HF and strong  $H_2SO_4$ .

By dilution and long boiling, hydrated  $TiO_2$  is precipitated as a white flocculent pp. from solutions in  $H_2SO_4$  (or HCl) and from the aqueous solution of the fusion with  $KHSO_4$ : the pp. is metatitanic acid. It cannot be filtered off unless an acid or  $AmCl$  is added.

$AmHO$  ( $KHO$ ,  $NaHO$ ,  $Am_3S$ , or  $BaCO_3$ ), white flocculent pp., insoluble in excess : if precipitated and washed in the cold the pp. dissolves in HCl and in dilute  $H_2SO_4$ .

$Zn$  or  $Sn$  gives in acid solutions a *blue*, or if dilute a *rose-coloured*, liquid.

$Na_2S_2O_3$ , on boiling, precipitates Ti-solution entirely (diff. from Fe).

*Microcosmic bead* :—

In the outer flame: *yellow* whilst hot ; *colourless*, cold.

In the inner flame : *yellow*, hot ; *violet*, cold. The production of these colours is much aided by adding a fragment of Sn. Addition of a small quantity of  $FeSO_4$  gives in the inner flame a *blood-red* bead.

**550. VANADIUM (V.)**

Occurs in vanadinite [ $3Pb_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot PbCl_2$ ], and in certain Fe- and Cu-ores.

Vanadium is known in several stages of oxidation ; it will usually occur in analysis as vanadic acid or a vanadate, which in acid solution is of a yellow or reddish colour.

$H_2S$  ( $H_2SO_3$  or  $H_2O_3O_4$ ) reduces acid solutions of a vanadate, and causes the colour of the solution to change to *blue*: with  $H_2S$  a deposit of sulphur also forms.

$Am_3S$ , if added in excess, gives a brown liquid, in which an excess of acid causes a *brown* pp. of  $V_2S_4$ ; excess of  $Am_3S$  dissolves this to a reddish-brown liquid.

$Zn$  gives in a very dilute solution acidified with  $H_2SO_4$  and gently warmed, a *blue* colour, which changes into *green* and then *lavender-blue*.

*Solid AmCl*, added until the solution is saturated, precipitates  $Am_3VO_4$ , which is insoluble in saturated  $AmCl$  solution. Very characteristic reaction.

$H_2O_3$ , when shaken up with an acid solution imparts a red colour, which is not removed by shaking with ether. This is a very delicate test.

*Borax bead :—*

In outer flame ; *colourless*, or *yellow* if much V is present.  
 In inner flame ; *green* hot and cold ; if much V is present, *brown* hot, and *green* cold.

## GROUP V.—POTASSIUM GROUP.

In this group are included Li, Cs, Rb.

## 551. LITHIUM (Li).

Li occurs frequently in mineral waters and in the ashes of plants, also in small quantities in the minerals lepidolite, triphane, and petalite. It is allied to the Barium Group by the difficult solubility of its carbonate and phosphate ; and it differs from K and NH<sub>4</sub> by not being precipitated by PtCl<sub>4</sub> or by H<sub>2</sub>T : from Na it is readily distinguished by the flame coloration and spectroscope. LiCl is separated from KCl and NaCl by its insolubility in a mixture of absolute alcohol and ether.

Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub> added to the not too dilute solution, made decidedly alkaline with NaHO, gives, on boiling, a white crystalline pp. (Li<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) which quickly settles. Traces of Li may be precipitated by adding Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, then NaHO until the liquid remains alkaline, evaporating to dryness and washing the residue with dilute AmHO. This pp. differs from the phosphates of Ba, Sr, Ca, and Mg by fusing in the blowpipe flame and being absorbed by the charcoal support, also by its diluted solution in HCl giving no pp. on addition of AmHO in excess in the cold, but a white crystalline pp. on boiling.

*Flame coloration* : this is *carmine-red* ; the spectrum (see p. 347) consists of two lines, an intense carmine-red line (*a*) and a feeble orange-yellow line (*B*). This coloration is concealed by that of Na, which, however, does not interfere with the lithium spectrum : the Na coloration is also removed if the flame is viewed through the indigo-prism, whereas that of Li can pass through the thinner parts of the prism ; it differs from the K coloration, however, in being unable to penetrate the thick layers of indigo-solution or in being much weakened by its passage. As silicate, Li only *gives the flame coloration* after fusion with CaSO<sub>4</sub> ; the phosphate requires to be first moistened with HCl.

## 552. RUBIDIUM (Rb), and CESIUM (Cs).

These metals occur in small quantities in some mineral waters and in a few minerals. Their compounds resemble those of

K in being precipitated by  $\text{PtCl}_4$  and by  $\text{H}_2\text{T}$ , and in giving a similar flame coloration. Characteristic differences, are, the much greater insolubility in water of the platino-chlorides, which enables the  $\text{K}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  to be dissolved away from  $\text{Rb}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  and  $\text{Cs}_2\text{PtCl}_6$  by boiling the pp. with successive small quantities of water : the alums also show a similar difference in solubility in cold water.

Cs and Eb are readily distinguished from one another and from other elements by their spectra (see p. 347). For Cs the blue lines ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) are especially distinct and characteristic : in the Rb spectrum the indigo-blue lines ( $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ) are very distinct, but the red lines ( $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ ) are most characteristic. For the spectroscopic test the chlorides are the most suitable.

## 553. GENERAL GROUP TABLE FOR

Group I. Reagent HCl.	Group II. Reagent H <sub>2</sub> S.
<i>The group pp. may contain in addition to AgCl, Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, PbCl<sub>2</sub>:</i> —	<i>The group pp. may contain as sulphides, in addition to Hg, Pb, Bi, Cu, Cd:</i> —
<i>TlCl:</i> which will usually be readily detected by a spectroscopic examination of the group pp. It may be removed from the group pp. by boiling with a little water, and ppd. from the cold filtrate by KI (Pb is also thus ppd.); the pp. is yellow, and gives the thallium spectrum.	<i>Pd (black-brown)</i> <i>Tl (black; ppd. with As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>)</i> } Insoluble in [Os, Rh, Ru.] } Am <sub>2</sub> S.
<i>H<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>4</sub>:</i> a white pp., becoming yellow on boiling. Its presence is confirmed by dropping a piece of Zn into a portion of the acid liquid and pp., when a <i>deep blue</i> colour will be obtained.	<i>And in addition to SnS, Sn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, As<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, Au<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, PtS<sub>2</sub>:</i> —
Also by fusion of the pp. in a microscopic bead, which will be <i>colourless</i> or <i>yellow</i> in the outer flame, <i>blue</i> (or with FeSO <sub>4</sub> , <i>blood-red</i> ) in the inner flame.	<i>[Ir-sulphide*]</i> <i>Mo</i> " (brown) } Soluble in <i>Se</i> " (red-yellow) } Am <sub>2</sub> S. <i>Te</i> " (black) }
	<i>The yellow colour of a solution containing V changes to blue.</i>
	<i>Tl</i> is readily found by the spectroscope in the group pp.
	<i>Pd</i> will remain in solution in excess of AmHO with Cd and Cu in Table II.4; from this solution it is ppd. by adding HCl; its presence may be further confirmed by the HgC <sub>2</sub> or KI tests.
	<i>The examination of the sulphides in Group II is when the above elements may be present is best commenced by fusion with Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and NaNO<sub>3</sub>. From the fused mass, water dissolved sodium-arsenate, -molybdate, -selenate, and -tellurate, leaving SnO<sub>2</sub>, sodium-antimonate, Au, Pt, and Ir undissolved; the elements may then be detected by special tests. For the separation and detection of the platinum metals a larger work must be consulted.</i>
	* Only completely ppd. if the liquid has been warmed, and H <sub>2</sub> S passed for a long time.

## PRECIPITATION OF RARER ELEMENTS.

<i>Group III.</i> Reagents AmCl, AmHO, and Am <sub>2</sub> S	Precipitated from the filtrate from Group III. by excess of HCl.	<i>Group V.</i>
<p><i>The group pp. may contain as sulphides, in addition to Fe, Zn, Mn, Ni, Co :—</i></p> <p><i>U (black brown). In (" " ) Tl (" " )</i></p>	<p><i>As sulphides :—</i></p> <p><i>V (black). W (trace, brown). Ni (trace, black).</i></p>	<p><i>The filtrate after the separa- tion of all the group pre- cipitates may contain be- sides Mg, K, and Na :—</i></p>
<p><i>And as hydrates in addition to Al, Cr (and phosphates, etc.) :—</i></p> <p><i>Ti (white, flocculent). Be (colourless, gelatinous). [Zr] (" ") [Ta, Nb, Ce, La, D<sub>1</sub>, Y, E, Th.]</i></p>	<p>This pp. is dried and then fused with a mixture of Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and KNO<sub>3</sub>: on boiling the mass with water, NO remains undis- solved; it is filtered off, and its presence confirmed by fusion in a borax bead.</p>	<p>These metals are readily de- tected by their very char- acteristic spectra (p. 347). LiCl may also be detected by its behaviour with Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>.</p>
<p><i>Tl and In will usually be readily detected by a spec- troscoptic examination of the pp.</i></p> <p><i>Tl may be first separated and detected by dissolving some of the group pp. in boiling dilute HCl, and reducing any Fe present in the solution by H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>; then precipitating Tl by addition of KI, and testing the pp. by the spec- troscope.</i></p>	<p>The aqueous solution may contain alkaline vanadate and tungstate. V is sepa- rated by saturating the liquid with AmCl, and its presence confirmed in the pp. by the borax bead, and by dissolving the pp. in HCl and employing the reactions with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and with Zn.</p> <p>The filtrate (after concen- tration, if necessary) is acidified with HCl, and the presence of W con- firmed by the Zn reaction and the microscopic bead.</p>	<p>Before proceeding to the spec- troscoptic examination, it is well to convert them into chlorides, if they are not already in that form.</p> <p>If the chlorides are evaporated to dryness, and extracted with absolute ether and alcohol, to which a few drops of HCl have been added, LiCl, RbCl, CsCl dis- solve, whilst the greater part of the KCl and NaCl re- main undissolved.</p>
<p>A more complete scheme for the analysis of this group pp. will be found in par. 554 (pp. 342, 343).</p>	<p>The solution is evaporated to dryness, dissolved in a little HCl and Rb and Cs are pp'd. by PtCl<sub>4</sub>; this pp. is boiled with small quantities of water until it no longer gives the K spectrum, the spectra of Rb and Cs will then be seen, if present. Li is found in the filtrate after adding PtCl<sub>4</sub>.</p>	

**554.—TABLE FOR ANALYSIS OF GROUP III. PRECIPITATE.**  
The precipitate may contain Fe, U, In, Tl, Al, Cr, Zn,

After a preliminary spectroscopic examination has been made of a small portion of the pp. for Table (553), the group pp. is dried and fused in platinum with  $\text{KHSO}_4$  for some time, the cok.

<i>Residue:</i> may contain $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ , $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ , also $\text{SiO}_2$ , and traces of Fe and Cr which have escaped solution. By fusion with $\text{KClO}_4$ and $\text{NaHO}$ , Cr and Si are rendered soluble in dilute $\text{NaHO}$ ; from the residue, insoluble in $\text{NaHO}$ , $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ and $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ may be removed by washing with dilute $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ solution.	<i>Solution:</i> Reduce Fe by adding $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_3$ in excess, dilute considerably, vessel and by passing a stream of $\text{CO}_2$ through it, unless it smd.
<i>Pp.</i> may consist of $\text{TiO}_2$ (possibly also traces of Zr). Confirm the presence of $\text{TiO}_2$ by the microscopic bead.	<i>Filtrate:</i> add a few drops of strong $\text{HNO}_3$ , co-precipitate once more by adding excess of
	<i>Pp.</i> may contain Fe, In, U, Cr, Al, Be, &c.
	<i>Pp.</i> may contain Fe, In, U, &c. Dissolve in excess of $\text{HCl}$ , add $\text{BaCO}_3$ , and let stand:—
	<i>Pp.</i> may contain Fe, In, V, (also traces of Al and Cr). It is dissolved in $\text{HCl}$ and $\text{NaHCO}_3$ added in excess, whereby U alone is obtained in solution. It is found by the spectroscope.
	<i>Ox</i> by fusion with $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ and $\text{KClO}_3$ .
	<i>Filtrate</i> may contain Th. Ba is pp'd. by $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , the liquid exactly neutralised of $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ are added, allowed to stand for Pp. is washed with
	<i>Pp.</i> may contain Zr, Th, Ce. <i>Tb</i> and <i>Ce</i> are dissolved away by boiling with dilute $\text{HCl}$ , and are rep'ed by $\text{AmHO}$ .

## WHEN THE RARER ELEMENTS MAY BE PRESENT (FRESENIUS).

Mn, Ni, Co, Ti, Be, [Zr, Ta, Nb, Ce, La, Di, Y, E, Th].

Tl and In, and Tl has been further tested for, if necessary, by KI as directed in the General mass is then powdered and allowed to stand, with shaking, for a long time with cold water:

and boil for a long time, preserving the liquid from oxidation by the air by covering the constantly of  $\text{SO}_2$ :

centrate by evaporation, and add AmHO in excess: filter, dissolve the pp. in HCl, and AmHO:

Dissolve it in HCl, and add excess of cold strong KHO solution:—

HCl, boil off any large

Zr, Ce, La, Di, V, E, adding excess of concentrated and with KHO. Crystals and the liquid is some hours. The  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  solution.

*Filtrate* may contain Al, Cr, Be: dilute and boil for some time, filter. Al remains in solution, and may be ppd. by adding HCl just in excess, then AmHO in excess.

Cr and Be are separated by fusion with  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{KClO}_3$ , dissolving in water and ppg Be by adding  $\text{HNO}_3$  in excess, then AmHO in excess.

*Filtrate* may contain:—

Zn, Mn, Ni, Co.

Soln. may contain Y, E (also Be).

The solution is ppd by AmHO, and Be dissolved away from it by  $\text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$ .

## APPENDIX II.

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### USE OF THE SPECTROSCOPE FOR ANALYSIS.

**555.** When the light from a bright gas or candle-flame is allowed to pass through a narrow slit, and is then looked at through an appropriately cut glass prism, a series of colours is seen following one another without break or interruption ; such a band of colours has received the name of a "continuous spectrum." The direct-vision spectroscope\* is a little instrument furnished at one end with the requisite slit, whose width may be varied by means of a projecting screw-collar : at the other end will be found a draw-tube containing lenses for focussing, and the body of the instrument encloses the glass prisms. On looking at a bright gas or candle-flame through this spectroscope a "continuous spectrum" will be seen, whose margins may be sharply focussed by means of the draw-tube. A similar spectrum is seen when any brightly glowing *non-volatile* substance is viewed through the spectroscope.

Many substances, however, when strongly heated volatilise ; and their *glowing vapours* emit light whose colour is in many cases peculiar and characteristic : mention has been already made of this fact in par. 32, and its importance as a means of detecting certain elements was there stated.

When such a vapour is viewed through the spectroscope, a "discontinuous (or "line") spectrum" is seen, which consists of one or more coloured "lines" or "bands," whose position and colour are characteristic of that particular vapour. Thus Na vapour yields one bright yellow line, Li one intense carmine line, whilst K gives two lines, one red and the other violet. These lines are readily seen by holding in the Bunsen flame a loop of platinum-wire, which has been previously dipped into strong NaCl, LiCl, or KCl solution, and viewing the coloured flame through the spectroscope. But not only does this method of analysis serve to detect the elements when occurring separately, it also detects each of them when two or more are present together, since the spectrum of each is then seen without any interference from the others : thus, although the *flame coloration* of K or of Li is entirely masked by that of Na when the chlorides of both metals are held in the flame together, the two *spectra* are distinctly seen side by side when the flame is looked at through the spectroscope ; and both Li and K are thus readily recognised when present with Na.

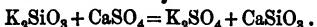
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\* This is the cheapest and most handy form of spectroscope, and may be purchased of the makers, Messrs Browning, of the Strand, London.

The delicacy of this method of detection is extreme ; thus the  $\frac{1}{3,000,000,000}$ th of a gram of Na can be distinguished by the appearance of its yellow spectral line.

The accompanying chart (p. 347) gives the relative position of the most important lines in thirteen different spectra. It is meant to serve merely as a guide to the beginner : when the student has accustomed himself to the appearance of the spectra, reference to the chart will become unnecessary.

It is important to remember that the coloration of the Bunsen flame can only be produced by substances which are volatile at the temperature of the flame : and that the coloration due to any element is more intense the more volatile is the compound employed. Thus KCl and KNO<sub>3</sub> are readily volatilised in the flame, and colour it strongly ; K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is somewhat less volatile, and the coloration it yields is correspondingly feeble ; K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> is still less volatile, and imparts little colour to the flame ; whilst K<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> is non-volatile, and yields no flame coloration whatever. Hence in testing for an element by the spectroscope, care must be taken to ensure its conversion, if present, into a form of combination which is volatile in the Bunsen flame. As a rule, chlorides and nitrates of the metals are the most volatile salts, sulphates are less volatile, carbonates still less so, and silicates are usually non-volatile. It is in many cases sufficient to moisten the substance upon the platinum-wire loop with strong H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or HCl before introducing it into the flame ; the sulphates of Ba, Sr, and Ca should be first reduced to sulphides by heating them in the inner blowpipe flame, the sulphides are then readily converted into chlorides by moistening them with HCl. K<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> in a natural silicate yields no K flame coloration ; by fusion of the powdered mineral with gypsum powder, however, the K<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub> is converted into K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and the sulphate yields the K-coloration readily :—



Owing to the invariable presence of small quantities of Na in atmospheric dust, and to the extreme delicacy of the spectroscopic reaction for Na, the Bunsen flame always shows the Na line when looked at through the spectroscope, and the brightness of the line may be increased by striking the table, or in any other way raising dust, in the neighbourhood of the flame. This is in many respects advantageous ; since, by rendering the Na line distinct by regulating the width of the slit and the position of the focussing lens, the spectroscope may be placed in adjustment before introducing into the flame the substance whose spectrum is to be observed. The Na line further serves as a fixed point from which the position of the lines of other elements may be judged ; and in order to assist the student in so using it, the position of the Na line is indicated in all the other spectra on the accompanying chart by means of a dotted line.

**556.** When working with the spectroscope, the Bunsen flame should be so placed as to have a dark background, in order that light *from the flame only* may enter the slit : if not working in a darkened room, a piece of black velvet or cloth may be hung behind the flame ; this is, however, not indispensable, it will usually be sufficient to avoid the entrance of direct or brightly-reflected light into the instrument. It is best to view first either the sky, or a bright flame—such as that obtained by closing the air-holes at the foot of the Bunsen burner, and to turn the spectroscope into such a position that the continuous spectrum becomes horizontal with its red end to the left hand ; the instrument is next directed on a portion of the non-luminous Bunsen flame about two-thirds of the height from the flame's base, and held either by a clamp, or very steadily by the hand, in this position. The Na line is then focussed as directed above : and, whilst carefully watching the flame through the spectroscope, the substance is introduced into the outer part of the front of the flame at about one-third the flame's height from its base : the observation of the flame is continued for a short time after moistening the substance with acid as directed above. The careful observation of the flame during the introduction of the substance into the flame is necessary, since some elements (*e.g.*, Tl), when present in small quantity, give a spectrum which appears only as a momentary flash : other substances appear only as the substance attains the full temperature of the flame, and their spectra are therefore seen only after the substance has been heated in the flame for some time.

The regulation of the width of the slit must depend upon circumstances. A wide slit admits more light and increases the brightness of the lines ; a narrow slit causes the lines to be more widely separated, and thus prevents neighbouring lines from blending, and generally enables their position to be more accurately noted. It is well to use a narrow slit, unless working with a faint flame coloration, or unless lines of feeble intensity have to be looked for.

The spectroscope is more especially useful in qualitative analysis :—

*1st.* In detecting readily K and Li, and other substances whose flame colorations are masked by that of Na, when occurring with Na.

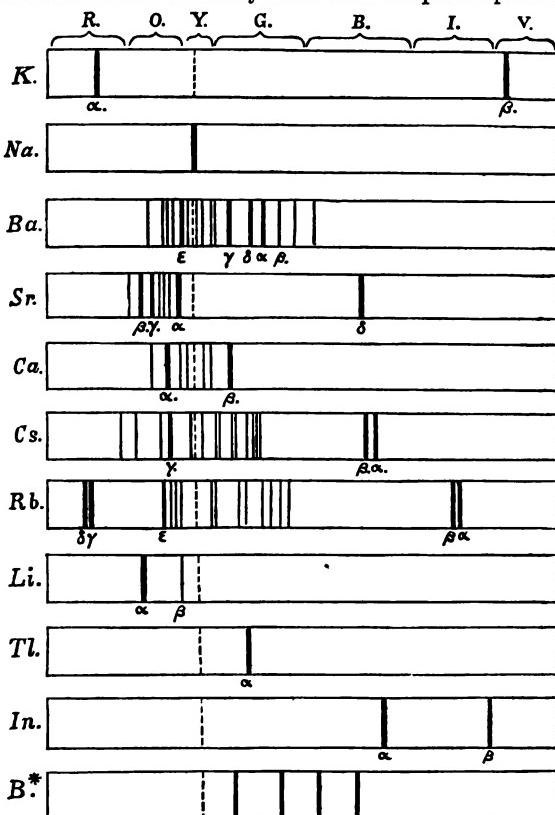
*2nd.* It also rapidly distinguishes Sr from Ca ; since as shewn in the chart the Sr spectrum contains a characteristic blue line  $\delta$ , as well as certain red lines situated to the left hand of all those in the Ca spectrum ; the green line  $\beta$  of Ca is also very distinctive of that element. Ba is specially characterised by the four green lines,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$ .

*3rd.* The spectroscope is of great value for detecting the rarer metals Li, In, Tl, Cs, Rb, which usually occur in comparatively small quantity in nature : the last four of these metals were first searched after and discovered on account of their very marked spectra having been seen by the spectroscope.

**557. Spectrum Chart.**—In using the chart below, the colour of a line

in any spectrum may be found by referring to the head of the chart, and seeing in which of the bracketed spaces it falls: above each bracket is placed the initial letter of the name of the colour: the colours run from left to right in the following order:—Red, Orange Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.

The chart is a reduction from Bunsen's map: the relative position of the lines is given correctly: those in each spectrum which are most striking or characteristic are made thicker than the rest, and are denoted by greek letters in the order of their relative importance. Many of the thin lines will not be seen by means of a small pocket spectroscope.



\* This spectrum is seen when boric acid or a borate is fused with a little  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  on a loop of platinum-wire, and the flame coloration obtained from this bead is examined.

## APPENDIX III.

### 558. LIST OF CHEMICAL ELEMENTS, WITH THEIR SYMBOLS AND ATOMIC WEIGHTS.

*Note.*—The words in brackets are the latin names of the elements from which the symbols have been derived.

Name.	Symbol.	Atomic Weight	Name.	Symbol.	Atomic Weight.
Aluminium . . .	Al	27·5	Molybdenum . . .	Mo	96
Antimony (stibium) . . .	Sb	123	Nickel . . .	Ni	59
Arsenicum . . .	As	75	Niobium . . .	Nb	94
Barium . . .	Ba	137	Nitrogen . . .	N	14
Bismuth . . .	Bi	210	Osmium . . .	Os	199
Boron . . .	B	11	Oxygen . . .	O	16
Bromine . . .	Br	80	Palladium . . .	Pd	106
Cadmium . . .	Cd	112	Phosphorus . . .	P	31
Cæsium . . .	Cs	133	Platinum . . .	Pt	197
Calcium . . .	Ca	40	Potassium (kalium) . . .	K	39
Carbon . . .	C	12	Rhodium . . .	Ro	104
Cerium . . .	Ce	92	Rubidium . . .	Rb	85
Chlorine . . .	Cl	35·5	Ruthenium . . .	Ru	104
Chromium . . .	Cr	52·5	Selenium . . .	Se	79·5
Cobalt . . .	Co	59	Silicium . . .	Si	28
Copper (cuprum) . . .	Cu	63·5	Silver (argentum) . . .	Ag	108
Didymium . . .	D	96	Sodium (natrium) . . .	Na	23
Erbium . . .	E	112	Strontium . . .	Sr	87·5
Fluorine . . .	F	19	Sulphur . . .	S	32
Glucinnum . . .	G	9·5	Tantalum . . .	Ta	182
Gold (aurum) . . .	Au	197	Tellurium . . .	Te	129
Hydrogen . . .	H	1	Thallium . . .	Tl	204
Indium . . .	In	76	Thorinum . . .	Th	238
Iodine . . .	I	127	Tin (stannum) . . .	Tn	118
Iridium . . .	Ir	197	Titanium . . .	Ti	50
Iron (ferrum) . . .	Fe	56	Tungsten (Wolfrā- } mium) . . .	W	184
Lanthanum . . .	La	92	Uranium . . .	U	120
Lead (plumbum) . . .	Pb	207	Vanadium . . .	V	51
Lithium . . .	L	7	Yttrium . . .	Y	62
Magnesium . . .	Mg	24	Zinc . . .	Zn	65
Manganese . . .	Mn	55	Zirconium . . .	Zr	89
Mercury (hydrar- } gyrum . . .	Hg	200			

### 559. THERMOMETRIC SCALES.

There are two different thermometric scales in use in this country, the Centigrade and Fahrenheit; of these two the former is rapidly becoming universal for scientific purposes. The two scales are mutually convertible by the following formulæ, in which F.<sup>o</sup> represents a

temperature on the Fahrenheit scale, C. $^{\circ}$  a temperature on the Centigrade scale :—

$$\begin{cases} \frac{5}{9}(F.^{\circ} - 32) = C.^{\circ} \\ \frac{5}{9}C.^{\circ} + 32 = F.^{\circ} \end{cases}$$

The temperatures occasionally referred to in this treatise are given on the Centigrade scale.

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

560. The corresponding values of the french and english weights and measures are here given; the use of the french or decimal system is strongly recommended by its extreme simplicity, since the smaller denominations are obtained by taking a tenth, hundredth, thousandth, &c., of the unit chosen, and are designated by the latin prefixes deci-, centi-, milli-, &c., whilst the higher denominations are 10 times, 100 times, 1000, &c. times the unit, and are named by the greek prefixes deca-, hecto-, kilo-, &c.; examples of this will be found in the tables given below.

561. The starting point of the french system is the "metre" (=39.37 inches); this is the "unit of length." The "unit of measure" is the "litre," which is one cubic decimetre: the "unit of weight" is the gramme,\* which is the weight of 1 cubic centimetre of distilled water at 4° C.

The chief conveniences arising from the use of this system are:—

1st. That all the different denominations can be written as one, since they are either multiples by ten or are decimal fractions of the unit. Thus 5 decagrams, 3 grams, 4 decigrams, 8 milligrams, would be written 53.408 grams.

2nd. That since 1 cubic centimetre of water at 4° C. weighs 1 gram, we may obtain the *weight* of water to be used from the *measure* by simply converting the measure into cubic centimetres, the number thus obtained will represent at once the corresponding weight of water in grams. Of course this conversion is strictly accurate only when the water is measured at 4° C., but for ordinary purposes the error introduced when the water is at the temperature of the air is too small to be of any importance in the preparation of solutions.

The weights and measures most frequently used for chemical purposes are the gram, the millimetre,† the litre, and the cubic centimetre‡ which is  $\frac{1}{1000}$  of a litre.

#### MEASURES OF LENGTH.

#### ENGLISH.

	Metre.	Inches.	Mile.	Furlong.	Yards.	Feet.	Inches.
Millimetre =	0.001 =	.03937 =					.03937
Centimetre =	0.01 =	.39371 =					.39371
Decimetre =	0.1 =	3.93708 =					3.9371
Metre =	1.0 =	39.37079 =					39.371
Decametre =	10.0 =	393.70790 =					393.71
Hectometre =	100.0 =	3937.07900 =					3937.07900
Kilometre =	1000.0 =	39370.79000 =					39370.79000
Myriometre =	10000.0 =	393707.90000 =	6	1	156	0	6
		1 inch = .0254 metre.					
		1 foot = .3048 "					

\* Frequently written "gram" in English, for the sake of brevity.

† Usually written (m.m.).

‡ Usually abbreviated (c.c.).

## MEASURES OF CAPACITY.

1 Litre = 1 cubic decimetre.

	Litre.	Cubic inches.	Pinta.
{ Millilitre, or Cubic centimetre (c.c.) }	= .001	= .06103	= 0.00176
Centilitre	= .01	= .61027	= 0.0761
Decilitre	= .1	= 6.1027	= 0.17608
Litre	= 1.0	= 61.027	= 1.76077
Decalitre	= 10.0	= 610.27	= 17.60773
Hectolitre	= 100.0	= 6102.7	= 176.07734
Kilolitre	= 1000.0	= 61027.0	= 1760.77341
Myriolitre	= 10000.0	= 610270.0	= 17607.73414

1 cubic inch = .01639 litre.

1 cubic foot = 28.31531 litres.

1 gallon = 4.64386 "

## MEASURES OF WEIGHT.

1 gram = the weight of 1 cubic centimetre (c.c.) of water at 4° C.

	Gram.	Grains.	Avoirdupois.
Milligram	= .001	= 0.01543	
Centigram	= .01	= 0.15432	
Decigram	= .1	= 1.54323	
Gram	= 1.0	= 15.43235	
Decagram	= 10.0	= 154.32349	lbs. oz. drms.
Hectogram	= 100.0	= 1543.23488	= 0 0 5.65
Kilogram	= 1000.0	= 15422.34880	= 0 3 8.5
Myriogram	= 10000.0	= 154223.48800	= 2 3 5
			= 22 1 2
1 grain		= 0.0649 gram.	
1 oz. (Troy)		= 31.1035 grama.	
1 lb. (Avoirdupois) = 453.693		"	

## ENGLISH WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

## APOTHECARIES WEIGHT.

lb.	oz.	drms.	scruples.	grains.
1	= 12	= 96	= 288	= 5760
1	= 8	= 24	= 480	
1	= 8	= 60		
		1	= 20	

## AVOIRDUPois WEIGHT.

lb.	oz.	drms.	grains.
1	= 16	= 256	= 7000
1	= 16	= 16	= 437.5
1	= 16		= 27.343

## IMPERIAL MEASURE.

gallon.	pints.	fluid oz.	fluid drms.
1	= 8	= 160	= 1280
	1	= 20	= 160
		1	= 8

1 gallon =  $\frac{1}{20}$  pint = 70,000 grains of water at 16.7° C1 fluid ounce =  $\frac{1}{160}$  pint = 437.5 "

1 gallon = 277.280 cubic inches.

1 fluid ounce = 1.733 "

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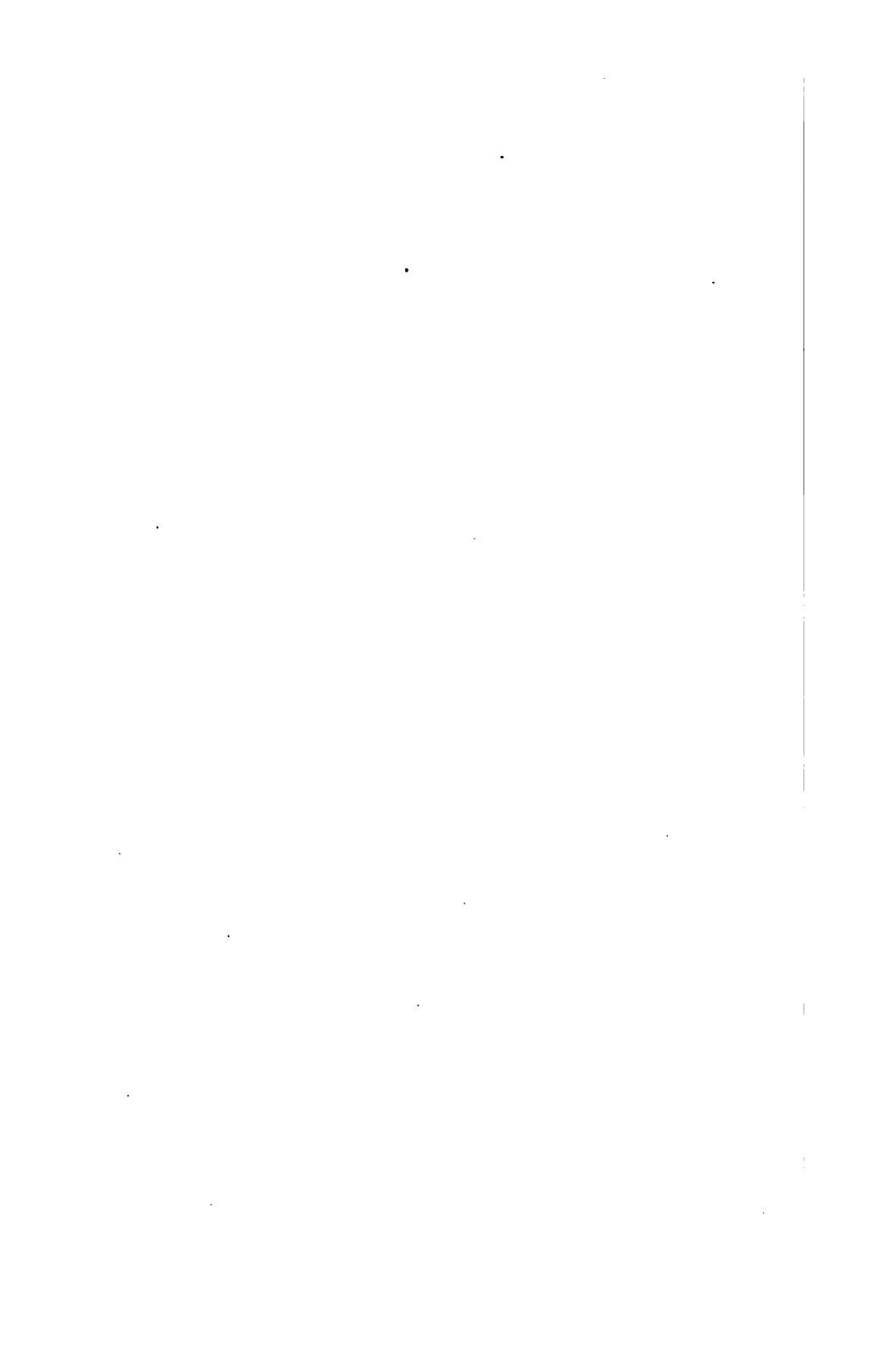
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